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「見つかったわよ！  
次の遺跡の場所はサンドラ王国の南東、  
ラビ砂漠！」

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# Arc 11: Desert's incident

# Chapter 80: The Vacant House Remodelling, And The Survivors

「I have found it. The place is to the southeast of Sandora Kingdom, in Rabbi Desert! 」

While we were calmly eating breakfast, the dining room door suddenly opens, and Rin and Pola came flying in. A smile which was saying [I did it!] was clinging on her face.

「In olden days, at the ancient historic ruins in the desert, similar to the Niruya ruins, it appears that stone pillars with embedded six magic stones have been encountered. Now, the ruin seems to be swallowed up by the sand in the desert however! 」

「Fu~n, that's nice. 」

While chewing on the breakfast toast, I have Lapis-san pour the fruit juice. Breakfast is the source of energy for the day. Have to properly eat it. There is no such thing as spare time early in the morning to hear such a troublesome talk.

「..... Lewd underwear. 」  
「Let's hear the story. Rabbi desert? 」

Kuu, she remembered it, didn't she. I have a feeling that the temperature in everyone's eyes who was sitting at the table has considerably fallen, but should I react to it, it would be my defeat. I have no choice but to feign ignorance and get it over with.

「To the south of Misumido, crossing over beyond the sea of trees there is a scorching country, the Sandora Kingdom. Rabbi desert is to the southeast of it. 」

「First was an ocean, now it is a desert... That professor, I wonder if she is harassing me that way...? 」

Because it appears that she can peek into the future, there is a possibility that she is peeking into the current time too. I glare into nothing in the ceiling.



Maa, if 5000 years has passed there should be a change in the terrain too, and she won't go to that extent just to harass me, will she... Despite that I want to think so, somehow I cannot accept that. It's because the professor's grinning laughter is floating in my mind.

「And, you're saying let's go to those ruins? 」

「That's right. To discover the legacy of an ancient civilization. It would be nice if it would be the [Library] however. 」

Rin is raring to go. Me, I'm reluctant to be honest. I turn a fleeting gaze towards Shisuka, who is waiting nearby.

「What is it? 」

「Well, I thought whether the number of people like you would increase by one... 」

「A sumptuous feast, it will be exhilarating. 」

「Enough already, be silent. 」

The headache has come...

I wonder what I should do. Coming this far, isn't it fine to not obtain it, is what my motive is. However, that cannot be done, there is also the promise to Rin, and there is that message left behind by the professor about the downfall of an ancient kingdom due to Fureizu... It's because I'm caught up in all of that.

When I think too much about it there won't be problems, but when push comes to shove, it is also possible that the power of [Babylon] will become necessary. I don't want to have any regrets if that time ever came...

「Alright, then let's go. Shisuka, prepare the [Garden]. 」

「Yes, Master」

While Rin and Pola are delighted, everyone else was too, and they stood up from their seats. I guess they are going back to their rooms to prepare. .

That reminds me, right now in the [Garden] there was an unoccupied house that was moved there from Leaflet. I thought about using it as a holiday house, but there is a need for some repairs. The house itself is not damaged, since it is big by itself there is plenty of levels to use however.

Ma, should I work on it a little while we are moving.

—————Scene-Change—————

The [Garden] departs from Belfast, towards the south of Misumido, to the Sandora Kingdom.

The speed of the [Garden] is perhaps the same as an airplane I think. Although I say that, I've never boarded a plane since I was born. I don't have something like a fear of heights, I'm just saying I really did not have an opportunity to merely get on one.

「It will take roughly four hours until we reach the place」

I can't judge whether it is fast or slow, but it is not a considerable time. Then, should I tidy up the vacant house at once?

I open the lock of the unoccupied house, which was moved to the corner of the garden and enter inside. Un, the state is not bad. For the time being, if I make it clean and beautiful that will be enough.

「Then, I will clean the second floor」

「... I will do the kitchen surroundings and dining hall」

「Myself will put things in order around the living room on the first floor - degozaru」

「Then, I will do the entry way and corridor. Touya-san, please, repair the broken parts and improve the 'wet areas' and light and so forth」

(TL: by wet areas the kitchen, bathroom, etc are implied)

Everyone quickly decides on each of their duties and proceed. Being called out by Yumina, I am, Aah, I clap my hands. That's it, there's no water here as well. Eh? Wait a minute, if I remember correctly there is a water canal flowing through the garden. Otherwise the plants around here would have certainly withered a long time ago.

I go towards the monolith controlling the [Garden], and when I ask about it from Shisuka, it seems there is an artifact created by the professor which brings forth the water.

When I'm being guided, there is a small fountain, the water gushes out from it, flowing through the water canal, and is spreading throughout the garden. That water is being purified, and returns to the fountain again, or something

like that.

..... Isn't that a perpetual motion....? No, let's stop thinking about it. The laws of physics are meaningless in face of magic.

「Is the amount of water decided upon? 」

「No, since there is also evaporation. If the amount of water decreases, the amount at the source will be increased, so that it returns to the origin amount. 」

Saying this, there won't be problems even if the water is pulled from here, right?

「Is it safe to drink? 」

「There won't be any harm to the human body. 」

In that case, I can use this. With the same method I used at [Silver Moon] hot spring, I install a short pipe at the fountain. Just in case let's install the drainage pipe at the final spot, which returns the water from the [Garden] water canal. Because it seems the purification is being done here.

Shortly after I go towards the kitchen surroundings where Lindsey is cleaning, take the cask outside to save water, and make a sink with [Modelling]. The sink dazzlingly shines simply because it is made from mithril. Additionally, I install a faucet and connect it to the water fountain with [Gate]. Of course, the drainage hole is connected to drainage pipe as well.

When I turned the faucet, the water came out. Lindsey was surprised at first, but before long opening and closing the faucet by herself, it appears she learned how to use it.

While I'm at it, I will make a toilet as well in advance. The one with a flushing mechanism. Can't cut corners with that. Of course the drainage hole won't be here, but it will be connected to the toilet at home.

And then the bath will be made too. As well as a shower to complete it. It will be good, won't it.

After that, lighting effects are left. If I leave a [Light] enchantment in advance, it will glow for a few hours according the magical power drained from user, I think. [Light] itself is not a magic, which consumes that much magical power.



For the time being, will that do? Which reminds me, I don't see the figures of Rin and Pola, where did they go?

When I tried searching for those two, the figures of Rin and Pola, as well as Kohaku, Sango, Kuroyou and Shisuka were together in front of the monolith. Everyone was watching steadily at the screen projected by the monolith.

「What are you doing? 」

「A troublesome thing was discovered, you know. Probably survivors. We are before the Sandora Kingdom, already in the desert area. Although no one should be passing through this place and yet. 」

The ground is being projected on the screen. Within the desert, leading the camel carrying the luggage, there are several people wearing tattered sunshade mantles on their bodies and walking feebly and unsteadily. Are there about ten people? Moreover I have a feeling that there is too little luggage however.

「If they are survivors, won't it be unpleasant if we don't help them? 」

「In what way? Will you reveal the existence of [Babylon]? To the passing survivors. If they are bad or wanted people, then what? It is not normal to advance through this kind of place. I'm saying that this is a difficult situation, you know」

I see. It is certainly a difficult situation, isn't it. Maa, I think it is possible to judge whether they are bad people or not with Yumina's magic eye, but that doesn't mean all of them are good people. However, say that just one of them is a bad person, only that fellow will be left behind in the desert.

「At any rate let's help them. Even if we bring them to the [Garden], it will also be possible to send them to Misumido or Belfast with [Gate]. 」

But, how should we make contact. They'll just be suspicious of me if I suddenly appear in front of them.

「It might be better to hurry up, you know. 」

「Eh? 」

On the screen, which Shisuka was pointing at, the monster has appeared from within the sand in front of the survivors.

What is that!? An insect!? Perhaps it's a gigantic hornworm or perhaps an

earthworm. The head part is all mouth, inside of it there are sharp fangs growing closely packed in 360 degrees.

「Sand crawler. A magic beast, which swallows the sand together with its game. 」

Rin mutters about the monster's nature while glaring at the screen. On the image three people among the survivors brandished swords and axes, and turned towards the monster, but their situation seemed bad. It appears they also don't have a wizard, and it isn't possible to say if their skills are also very high. I guess it's only a matter of time before they will suffer damage.

「I'm off! 」

I opened the [Gate], and hopped inside to the ground.

Appearing from the skies above the Sandcrawler, I rain down bullets from Brunhild. These are no ordinary bullets. These are bombshells, bestowed with [Explosion]. While scattering weird body fluids, Sandcrawler distorts its body.

When I land on the desert, I concentrate magical power in my right hand and chant the magic, as directed by Lindsey.

(tl: implies that he learned the chant from Lindsey)

「Come forth water, cool and clear katana blade, Aqua Cutter」

A fired water pressured blade was sent flying towards the Sandcrawler's head(?). I surely overdid it, gross...

While from the cut section white, green disgusting liquids are being scattered, and very slowly fell down to the desert. Even so without immediately dying, it was repeatedly disgustingly crawling in zigzag, but before long it stopped moving.

Uhee..... It is said that even if an eel or something loses its head, it continues living for a short while, but that typical image is out. When defeating it this time, let's thoroughly burn it until it is well-done.

When I was putting away Brunhild into the holster on my waist and looking at the dead body of Sandcrawler and frowning, one of the survivors walked up this way. Holding a longsword in his hand, his face is hidden with him wearing a

sunshade hood of the mantle. But, it appears to be a woman.

「.....You are? 」

「I'm called Mochizuki Touya. It was unexpected coming across you guys, but since I judged that it was dangerous, I arbitrarily decided to intervene in the battle. 」

「Well, I'm grateful. We are saved thanks to you. I am Rebecca. An adventurer. 」

Removing the hood, the face is exposed under the sun. On sunburned brown skin was an ash colored short hair, reaching the shoulders.

「You are incredible. To defeat a magic beast just like that. 」

Behind Rebecca was a man holding a battleaxe coming closer while removing his hood. It was a tall sturdy man in his early twenties wearing a stubbly beard. Beside him was a boy who appeared to be younger than me and holding a sword, panting heavily.

With just a fleeting glance, I have a feeling that that weapon does not suit him very well. Either the child was too small, or the sword was too big.

And, while I was thinking about such things, the boy threw away the sword, came running this way and got on his knees at my feet.

「Ah, Ano! The magic earlier, it was a water attribute magic, wasn't it!? If it was, could you produce some water!? 」

I flinched for a moment at the sudden request, but I immediately understood. They have no water. It was suicidal deciding to cross over the desert in this state.

「I beg your pardon. If it's alright with you, please give us some water. We have no money right now, but we will certainly return the favor. So... 」

When I did not answer immediately, Rebecca-san cuts in while I was brooding.

「No, it's not really a problem. I was thinking what container would do. Well, I think I'll just make one. 」

「Eh? 」

Taking out a palm-sized iron lump from [Storage], I make a big metal basin



with [Modelling]. Inside of it I make several fist-sized ice lumps with water attribute magic, then I summoned the water.

「Ooh! 」

Hearing the sound of water, other people simultaneously turned this way and started approaching. With the remaining iron, I produced simple glasses and passed them over to some people.

Extending their hands striving to be the first, they started gulping down the water. They really were very thirsty.

Eventually, I noticed something very strange. There were ten survivors in all. Aside from the boy earlier and the axe-wielding man, all were women. Furthermore, excluding Rebecca, the other seven women had something in common. On their necks there were big black luster necklaces. Could it be...

When she noticed me puzzled staring at the necklaces, Rebecca-san seriously tells me.

「That's right. Those girls are slaves. We snatched them away from a slave trader. 」

..... Are? Rin's prediction was on mark? Did I just help some people who were thieves?

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# Chapter 81: The Emancipation, And The Third Time

There is something called a [Collar of Subordination]. Originally an artifact, it was apparently successfully mass produced sorcery by Sandora's great wizards hundreds of years ago.

Originally it was made to enslave ferocious magic beasts that couldn't be tamed, but eventually it reached a point where it was used on people. [TN: human and not beast kin?? Should this be changed to person]

They say it was for criminals at first. However, this collar eventually created the existence known as [Slaves] in this country.

Stripped off of all their rights, and treated as personal [Possessions].

In general it was legal (at least in this country, though) to make criminals or the ones selling themselves into slaves. But as expected, there will be some villains among them.

Bands of thieves and slave merchants would conspire, with the thieves raiding villages for money and goods. And then selling the young girls to slave merchants illegally on the black market.

No matter what the method, if [Collar of Subordination] was used, freedom is lost. Then they will be registered in the merchant's guild, as private possessions, and treated as one.

The people who with Rebecca-san seems to have become slaves like that.

The slave merchant who took them, employed Rebecca-san, Logan-san (the axe-user), and Will (the boy) as the 3 escorts for the journey. Because the job did not pass through the guild, they did not think he would be a slave merchant.

The three who heard the circumstances from the slaves while traveling, succumbed to righteous indignation, and tried to revolt against the slave merchant. However just then, the merchant was attacked by thieves, and easily died.

The first arrow of the raid pierced his head, so you can say it was quite a disappointing death. The man who conspired with thieves, also got killed by

thieves, that's some karma right there.

As for Rebecca-san and the guys who defeated the thieves that attacked, they took advantage of the situation and tried to run away with the slaves in order to hide from the country. Because if they got caught by the guild, they would only be sold to a new master.

However, in the middle of escaping the country to avoid public eyes, they got dragged into a sandstorm, and met with a disaster...

[So that's it? ]

[Well, that's the reason. ]

I see~ However, that fellow was a bad guy too..... A slave trader. There is such a thing in this world as well. Apparently the Sandora Kingdom doesn't have too much interaction with other countries, and it seems the country retains its original culture. Well, it is beyond the great forest of Misumido, and it might be difficult traveling here through the scorching desert.

[But a [Collar of Subordination].....]

If you try to take it off, intense pain runs through the person wearing it, apparently resulting in the worst possible death. That's wicked. It becomes impossible to hurt the person who becomes their master, and it becomes impossible to resist orders. Their escape will come to an end if the master thinks [Come Back]. They will feel intense pain if they go against it.

Only the master can remove the collar. However, the merchant who was the master died. In other words, the collar can't be removed anymore. For a moment they will be returned to the guild to get a new master, but as long as the master does not set the slave free, it is impossible to take it off. Speaking of another method to remove it... it would be that.

I'll take it off by pulling it with [Aport]..... But, it's a tricky size, right~ Though because it is a woman's neck, I don't think it would so thick. Would it fit into the palm?

I grab my neck with both hands to check the thickness. I think it should be thinner, almost the same as a CD. It should be alright. Nothing would happen if it's no good, so why not try it.



[The collar, perhaps I can remove it. ]

[What? ]

[Is that true!? ]

Rather than Rebecca-san, the boy Will bit on my remark. He stares at me with eyes wide open.

[Well, I can't say for sure unless I try. Nothing will happen if it doesn't work, so let's take a chance on it.....]

[Yes please! Please give Wendy her freedom!]

Wendy? The boy Will, took the hand of one girl with a collar and came back here quickly.

Her age should be 13 or 14..... about the same age as Will? Tanned with darkish braided blonde hair, hanging left and right on her chest. She is the youngest among the seven slaves. Hiding herself behind Will's back, nervously peeking this way. Being frightened, it's like she's little shocked. Well, I did do such a thing to a sandcrawler after all.....

[Aport]

To avoid getting her more frightened, I pull the collar without explaining. I'm already grasping the black luster collar in my hand. Success, huh?

[Eh!? Are!? ]

After he sees the collar I'm grasping in my hand, Will looks back at Wendy who was hiding behind him. Of course, there's no collar there.

[It came off! It really came off, Wendy! ]

[Eh...? ]

The girl called Wendy rubs her neck. When she realized that she was liberated from the collar, she held her mouth and her eyes started shedding tears like rain. Will hugs her tightly. Ah~ it was like that. That would cause the boy to be greatly desperate, right? That's youth.

[..... Oi oi, what on earth did you do? ]

[No-attribute magic [Aport]. It's a magic that attracts objects. ]

Ignoring Logan-san who froze with astonishment look on his face, I removed

the other people's collars one by one. Eventually, I am holding all seven collars in my hand, then I burn them completely with fire magic.

While staring at me burning the collars, Rebecca-san muttered in blank amazement.

[.....Just who on earth are you? ]

[I'm also an adventurer. Here, this is my guild card]

[Red!?!]

Because of the color of the card which I took out, the three adventurers got excited. Everyone looked at the card I handed over to verify it, then groaned in surprise even more.

[DRAGON SLAYER and GOLEM BUSTER!?! Seriously!?! ]

[No wonder you were able to defeat a sandcrawler so easily... ] [TL: it was different but I change it like this assuming he defeated it last chapter]

[Wow!....This is the first time I've seen this.....! ]

Each of the three thank me in surprise. I accept the card back, and asked Rebecca-san what they will do from now on.

[Even if they are freed from slavery, it's not like the registration was erased. It will probably be troublesome to stay in this country. I thought it would be better to take everyone to another country but..... ]

[Then, do you want to come to Belfast? It is a good country. You can also stay in my house for a while. ]

[No, wait a minute. How long will it take to get to Belfast from here...? ]

Interrupting Logan-san's words, I open [Gate] before their eyes. I poke my head inside the gate of light, and call Yumina from the [Garden].

[W-who are you!?! ]

[Nice to meet you. I am the daughter of King Torstein Ernes Belfast of the Kingdom of Belfast, Yumina Ernes Belfast.]

[[[Eh!?!]]]

The three became completely stiff. Well, of course that would happen. At times like this, I realize that Yumina really is a princess after all. Even if she isn't wearing a pretty dress, you can understand she is the real thing with her well-

bred behavior and upbringing. In reality, the four people in front have been swallowed by Yumina's presence.

[I have heard of the circumstances of everyone here. Our country can accept all of you, but what would you like to do? ]

While smiling, Yumina looks at them one by one. She is most likely using her magic eye. If there is a person with wicked thoughts among them, even if we take them to Belfast, they will be carefully monitored for a while.

After Yumina looks over all of them, she grins at me and gives me a smile. Apparently there seems to be no problem.

The stiff Rebecca-san suddenly gets on her knees, and does a dogeza in front of Yumina.

[Y-yes! T-that t-thank you very much!]

Following along, Logan-san, Will, Wendy, and the other women as well knelt on the ground one by one. What the heck? It's like a scene from the historical drama [Hikae Oru!]. [TL: I believe it should be some series]

[Then everybody to Belfast. Touya-san, please.]

[Aight~]

Because it is troublesome to take them one by one through [Gate], I let everyone stand up and on the ground below them I open [Gate]. And with the exit being in the garden of my house in Belfast, I made them fall into the opening of the [Gate] which was 1 cm above the ground.

I tried doing the teleportation sequence from a foreign SF drama, but I failed. Perhaps I should give up on this. How disappointing.

It is that, like when you are done walking up using the staircase, but still feels that there is still one more step? Although the ground disappeared immediately, it turned to really terrible unpleasant feeling.

Well, the only one's thought like that probably me and Yumina, for everyone else, they became speechless on the sudden change in scenery.

[T-this place is.....?]

[This is the Royal Capital of the Belfast Kingdom. And this is my home. It's fine

for you to live here for a while. Lime-san. ]

I called for our Super Butler, and accompanied by the maid squad Lapis-san, Cecil-san, and Rene, they appeared immediately from the terrace.

[Please entertain these people until we return. ]

[Certainly, danna-sama. ]

Lime-san bows deeply and exchanged looks with the maid squad, then Lapis-san leads everyone into the house. While looking around restlessly, Rebecca-san and the others in accordance to the maid followed them one by one.

[For the time being we should consider our plans for the future. How about we go back to the [Garden]? ]

[You are right. ]

Because Rebecca-san and the others are adventures, they can manage guild work and find lodging in the royal capital. As for the others..... as expected we can't employee 7 people in our home.

《Master》

[? Kohaku?]

I got startled by the sudden telepathy I received. What's wrong?

《What's wrong Kohaku, did something happen?》

《A strange monster suddenly appeared in the desert. Shining beautifully like a crystal..... 》

The one that replied wasn't Kohaku, it was Kuroyou's voice. A crystal monster..... Could it be!?

I open [Gate], and move in front of the [Garden] monolith. In the middle of the screen displayed by the monolith where everyone is looking, there was a huge crystal monster floating in the desert, and it was emitting a high-pitched sound like some resonance sound. [TN: not sure if it appeared on the desert surface or floating on the desert]

The one we met was in the form of a cricket, the one Rin met was a snake, and the third crystal monster body, the Fureizu is in the shape of a manta ray—a devil fish.





## Chapter 82: Manta, and The Reunion

Huge. Is what I thought the moment I saw that Fureizu. Back when we fought the cricket one, it was the size of light motor vehicle, but this time, it was about as big as four big buses.

On its head.... Or rather the leading portion of body, there are two lined up parts on what seems to be an almond shaped head as I thought, there are things in sight which look like a cores shining in orange inside of those.

Whether it is matching the hugeness of its body, the core of cricket type from before was about the size of baseball, but this time they are about the size of basketball. With this, it might will be impossible to pull them with [Aport].

「What should we do?」

Rin turns to me, asking for a decision. We could run away without fighting. Frankly, I don't have any obligations or duty to this country.

However, if it crosses over the desert, passing over The Great Forest, will it turn to Misumido? More importantly, will it turn to Belfast? A lot of victims might appear. Among them might be our acquaintances, including people whom we've been indebted to.

「Let's do it. We can't afford to leave it alone 」

We will stop it here.

It is fortunate that there is nothing in desert. There is no need to mind the damage as well.

「However, how do we do it? If we assume it holds the same abilities as the one before, any magic will be absorbed, wouldn't that make it terribly hard? Moreover, this time it's flying」

It is exactly as Elsie says. There is Yae's katana which was transformed with Mithril, but it is not clear how far it will take us. In the first place, how do you attack a flying enemy?

「We have no choice but to assault it with indirect attack magic. Hit it with something like [Ice Rock] or [Rock Crash]」

Lindsey and Yumina agree with Rin's remark. After somehow knocking it down onto the ground with those attacks, I, Elsie, and Yae will start directly attacking its body. We have no choice but to go with that method.

「All right, Let's go!」

I open the [Gate], and we jump out onto the desert surface. High in the sky the crystal Manta shining from reflecting the sunlight moves calmly.

To see it in person with my own eyes, I can feel its size even more. it is from being looked down on, its intimidating presence has increased again as well.

Drawing out Brunhild, I pull the trigger. Gakyun gakyun the bullets slip and are repelled off the body of the crystal Manta.

「So normal bullets are ineffective....」

With a considerably hard surface, its streamlined body can completely avert power, I guess.

「Come forth hail, giant ice blocks, Ice Rock! 」

When Lindsey invokes the magic, a huge lump of ice materializes high above the Manta, and falls down as it is.

The lump of ice crashed into the Manta body, but against the body floating in the sky, without displaying much of its power, it continues to falls down into the desert. What a waste of effort. Such words appeared in my mind.

It's like throwing a stone at a styrofoam board floating in the water. We can't beat him to the ground with this.

The crystal Manta slowly turns this way. Light is gathering in between the crystalline lens embedded in the cores. I'm not sure but I have a hunch that this is bad!

「Everyone, spread out!」

Everyone immediately reacts to my words, and start running away from this spot. In the next moment, the Manta begins to shoot the bullet of light, and

blows up the place where we were. A huge sand column rises with the fierce explosion, showing its destructive power.

「You've got to be kidding... If someone receives that blow, there won't be anything left....」

To shoot it needs to accumulate for several seconds, guess that's a relief. We can somehow dodge it.

As if to make fun of my thoughts, this time the Manta's tail extends, and curls it underneath its abdomen. And like a machine gun something is fired from the tip, attacking us once again.

「Kuu ! ?」

We dodge whatever it was being shot at us, and while it was adjusting its posture, I confirm the thing which pierced the desert.

It's transparent arrow crystals, or should I say Bo Shuriken. Either way they're extremely dangerous.

When I look around to confirm everyone's safety, Lindsey fell down holding her foot.

「Lindsey !」

「I'm okay. It is just a graze, that's why.....」

As Lindsey cured her injured leg with recovery magic, she firmly stood up. To this girl, the tip of the tail was pointed at her. This is bad!

「Accel ! 」

Using the ability of the ring I gave, Elsie accelerates towards her younger sister's position. Towards the downpouring rain of Bo Shurikens, she raises her left hand gauntlet. Due to the wind effect granted by the gauntlet, all the crystal bullets go astray.

「Touya-dono! Using the [Gate], send myself above this fellow!」

「.....! Understood!!」

Though I hesitated for a moment at Yae's proposal, I opened a [Gate] at her feet as she requested, and sent her several meters in the sky above Manta.

「Prepare yourself !!」

Yae swung down her katana to drive the mithril blade into the Manta's back. However, it is far from a fatal damage.

Yae kicks the back of the Manta to jump off. Oioi, if you fall onto the desert from this height...!

「Touya-dono! [Gate] !」

! I, I see !

I invoke [Gate] just under Yae's feet in the sky, and put the exit beside me, 1 meter from the ground. She disappears into the [Gate] in the air, and lightly lands next to me. Phew.

「Please do not make it bad for my heart.....」

「I'm sorry -degozaru」

However, even Yae's mithril katana had little effect. How can we even damage this guy!?

Similar to the cricket type from last time, there might be no other choice but to break the core as I thought, but aside from being unable to use [Aport], there are two cores.

The tip of the tail turns this way. Kuu, not again!

「Wind come whirling, storm bulwark, Cyclone Wall! 」

A defensive wall of wind surrounds me and Yae created by the incantation Yumina spoke. The arrows fired by the Manta are swallowed by the swirl and vanish into the sky. We're saved.

However, when the sandstorm vanished, this fellow jumped in front of our eyes, trying to shoot the ball of light turned this way at this exact moment.

「Ha, Accel ! 」

Holding Yae in my arms, I withdraw from this place with acceleration magic. A large explosion hits behind my back. It was dangerous ! Unexpectedly, this fellow, his head is also good.

「Come forth rock, pulverization crag, Rock Crash !」

Rin's magic strikes the back of the Manta with a large rock from above, but like Lindsey's magic from before, it does not seem to be effective.

It'll be bad if this keeps up... We don't have a trump card. Sooner or later we'll be cornered. Then there's a possibility of someone getting hurt... I can feel cold sweat running down my back.

「Kuu, is there no choice but to draw back temporarily with a [Gate].... ?」  
「Are? When I was wondering who it was, Touya?」  
「Eh ?」

While holding Yae in my arms, I unintentionally turn around to the out-of-place voice.

Even though he was amidst a scorching desert, there was a boy with white hair wearing a long white muffler.

「End..... ?」  
「Yo」

It was the monotone boy I met in town before, smiling with a raised hand. Why is End in this kind of place? No, before that how did he get here? A while ago there was no one here. It's just a desert as far as the eye can see, I should have noticed if he came to such a place.

「It has been a while. I came because I detected a sign of Fureizu, but by no means did I expect to meet Touya 」  
「End..... You know about Fureizu?」  
「Do I know, you ask? Well, there are various reasons for that. Nevertheless, since coming here I encountered up to [Middle Class Kind]. It seems the [Barrier] is at its limit already」

Middle Class Kind? Barrier? What the heck does this boy know ?

「Ma, Wait for bit. First of all, since I will take care of that」  
Ma, wait for a bit. For now, since I will take care of that.  
「Ha ?」

While smiling and saying so, End walks towards the Fureizu Manta. Aiming at such a guy, crystal arrows start raining relentlessly, but in the next moment, End's figure disappeared from that place.



「Eeh ! ?」

Looking around the vicinity, End's figure is nowhere to be found. Is it a transparency magic? No, that magic just deceives the sense of sight, it doesn't erase the sense of presence.

「Over there -degozaru!」



Yae points at the Fureizu while in my arms. End was standing on the back of

the floating Fureizu. When did he...!?

「Now, then」

End casually drives a kick onto the back of the Fureizu. Raising his right leg, he just brings it down, it was a slow kick. With that alone a crack appears on the Fureizu, and in no time it runs through the whole body.

Before long Pakiin! When I hear a big crash that sounded like glass shattering, With a rattle, the Fureizu collapsed.

What the ! ? What did he do ! ?

With the falling sparkling crystal, End gets down onto the desert. From the broken remains of the Fureizu, he picks up the two basketball-sized cores, and while holding them in both hands, he smashes them with each other to bits.

Clapping his hands as it is, he comes this way.

「What the heck did you do?」

I threw at End the question I had in mind.

「Nothing? I just destroyed him by striking with magic causing the same peculiar oscillation as this guy had」

Huh?

Is it resonance phenomenon? Though it might not be the same thing since it is magic...

「End..... Earlier you talked about [Barrier]? What is it?」

「There's something like a net which prevents the Fureizu from entering this world. However, there seems to be a tear. This fellow might be one of those who got through. However only guys of this level seem to be able to come here as of yet」

End mutters while looking at the fragments of crystals scattered in the desert.

「These guys are no more than underlings moving for the sake of accomplishing a common goal. They are not important」

「Goal?」

「To search for the sleeping [King] of Fureizu. Same goal as mine」

..... What did you say?

「O~to, it is time for me to go. I have a little arrangement, you see. Then Touya, it will be good if we meet again 」

「Wait~ !」

End smiles and, ignoring me trying to detain him, completely vanishes from this place. What the heck is this magic? A teleportation ?

「Fureizu [King], is it..... ?」

While I was racking my brain with the riddle End left behind, everyone was running towards me with a blank amazed look.

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## Chapter 83: The Investigation, And The Nosebleed.

[Too suspicious]

Rin crossed her arms and made the conclusion. Nope, that's what I thought as well.

After that we returned to the [Garden], I told everyone my conversation with End.

[Having 5000-year-old currency, defeating a monster in one hit that we couldn't even put a dent. Furthermore, he also knows well about the monster, and wears a muffler in this heat like an idiot. Even the huge explosion was suspicious, I think]

I don't think the last one was irrelevant though, but well, it doesn't change the fact that he's suspicious. Who the heck is that guy.....

[That crystal monster... the Fureizu. In the end, what are they?]

Elsie says the main problem. It surely is not a mere monster. After all, 5000 years ago, they are the fellows that started destroying the world. However, only Shizuka and I know about this, and I'm still wondering whether I should tell everyone about it.

Even though I kept silent because I was thinking it will raise everyone's anxiety, but it is hard to say now that it becomes the opposite way. I did not think it was a good idea to thoughtlessly worry everybody, and adversely it has become difficult to bring up.

Ji————i.....

Ulp. It's been a while since Yumina has started attacking me with her gaze. My eyes swim unintentionally. This is bad. I have a feeling it'll be impossible to lie to Yumina after we get married.

[Touya-san, do you know something?]

[Ugh]

Yumina easily sees through my suspicious behavior, then I was made to

confess the message from the professor to everyone.

[Why did you keep silent about such an important thing!?]

[Well, I thought about mentioning it sooner or later but...]

As Rin pressed me on, I utter lame excuses.

[An invasion of 10 thousand Fureizu..... It was the cause of the ancient civilization's ruin. Well, 5,000 years ago there were so many, but now there is hardly any sighting information..... And now it has begun to appear. I wonder what on earth changed.....]

[... Survivors, or, did the sealed ones start coming out?]

Lindsey expresses the thoughts Rin was distressing. Actually, the cricket type we first encountered was in a suspended state. That idea is certainly possible but...

[That kid End mentioned being obstructed by [Barrier] or something..... The Fureizu I encountered seemed to emerge from a tear in space. It's possible that the Fureizu are sealed somewhere in another dimension...]

[And maybe someone is trying to break that..... Or something like that - degozaru?]

[There is no conclusive evidence though]

Un-un, at Rin's feet Paula crosses its arms and nods. Did this guy really understand?

Leaving that aside, what's really bothering me, is that there's no way to oppose the Fureizu. End called it [Middle Class Kind]. Which means there is a [Lower Class Kind] and an [Upper Class Kind] as well.

Most likely the cricket type and the snake type Fureizu are [Lower Class Kind]. We couldn't even manage a [Middle Class Kind]. If, an [Upper Class Kind] appears.....

It seems I seriously need to start searching for [Babylon].

[Shizuka. Was there any fighting between the humans and the Fureizu 5000 years ago?]

Shizuka who is standing in front of the monolith, turned to face me at my



words.

[Well, there was fighting. The situation of the war was considerably bad though. The professor also developed weapons for the final battle, but when she completed it, the Fureizu was already gone and nothing remained]

[Final battle weapons?]

[The weapons the professor created were man-piloted weapons. She named them Framegear]

Man-piloted weapons!? Isn't that a huge robot!? That professor, she even made something like that!

Certainly if she can build a robochild like Shizuka, then it's not strange that she can make a huge robot.....

[And what happened to it afterwards?]

[If I am not mistaken it is stored in Babylon [Hangar]]

Shizuka answers Elsie's question. In other words, if the ruins we are headed to has the transfer point for the [Hangar], we can procure it.

Damn, I got excited for a bit. Because it's a robot you know? It's a robot a person can pilot you know? If you're a boy you can understand this feeling right!? Although there are only girls here.

『Master, it seems we have arrived at our destination, however』

『It doesn't look like there is anything here?』

『It doesn't look like there's anything buried under the sand』

Kohaku and the others report while looking at the monolith screen. The coordinates are good, but nothing could be seen but the desert reach alone.

[How about we get off for now?]

I leave Kuroyou and Sango in the [Garden] in case something happens, and go to the ground using [Gate]. It's just the desert reach as far as I can see, nothing else. Just in case I take out my smartphone and try searching for [Ruins], then a pin fell into this place on the screen.

[It is here after all. Further down.....]

Now, how to deal with this? Although I could say we should dig here. But I

don't know how long it would take if we started digging with a shovel.

[I will blow the sand off with wind magic. Move away a little bit]

Rin takes a step in front of me while I was thinking of a way to dig. No one objected, so we move away as we were told.

[Wind whirl, the whirlwind of storm, Cyclone Storm]

The raised tornado steadily sucks up the sand, and soars up into the sky. The sand is placed downwind from where we were, and instantly the part of the desert in front of us became a mortar.

Eventually, the hemispheric ruin begun to appear. [That] was a dome-shape about the size of a house, but I'm not sure whether the material was stone or concrete. There's a door that looked like the entrance. It's not a double-door, just a single-door.

We go down the mortar after the tornado stopped. There's nothing on the door that resembles a knob. Is it an automatic door? I stand in front of the door. There's no reaction. And there's nothing that resembles a sensor either, so how can I open this?

When I casually touched the door there was no response, so I went through it.

[Ugh!?!]

[Touya-san!?!]

I just almost fell down, when I stepped in, and entered inside into the ruin. There are six stone pillars and a transfer formation dimly lit.

I touched the door again, but this time I feel a solid and cold sensation. I tried to use [Gate] to go outside, but the magic doesn't invoke. What? Was I trapped?

『Master!? Are you alright!?!』

『Kohaku? Ah, I am alright. I am uninjured. There is a transfer formation inside. I will go and try it for a moment, tell everyone no need to worry』

『I understand. Take care』

The transfer formation is probably not destroyed, and perhaps there's some

trick related to the door. Like only someone with all attribute can pass, or something. I don't know why I can't go out though. I'm a little weary because the professor implicitly said she [Doesn't miss] anything.

It can't be helped. Either way if the transfer formation doesn't work I can't come out.

I pour the respective magic attribute in turns. After I finished pouring the six magic attributes, I stand in the shining transfer formation in the middle. It'd be nice if it was the [Hangar], is what I was thinking when I was pouring the no-attribute magic, then I got transferred.

—————Scene Change—————

When the whirlpool of dazzling brilliance settled down, in front of me was a scene similar to the [Garden]. There's only one difference, a large building can be seen in front of me. A pure white cube-like building was built.

As I was about to start walking on the road toward the building, a girl jumped out suddenly as if to block the way.

[Stop there ~dearimasu!]

She held her right arm up, to stop me from leaving. There was a girl with orange hair and a dumpling on both sides, held together in a chignon cover with a ribbon. She had white skin and golden eyes which shows she is the same as Shizuka. She's probably the manager here. She looks younger than Shizuka. Maybe because she is shorter.

Welcome, to the Babylon [Workshop]. I am the management terminal here, High Rosetta ~dearimasu. I would be grateful if you give me the favor of calling me Rosetta ~arimasu.

As I thought? However, I have a feeling she refers to herself as a boy. Isn't she a girl? She is wearing a skirt ..... Isn't she!? I mustn't, it is that professor! I mustn't trust her! She is not [A girl boy], right!?

[Etto, Rosetta? You, are girl... right?]

[? I don't understand the intention behind the question, but I am as it appears ~dearimasu?]

I know, right! I am relieved. That reminds me, Shizuka said that [No male type was made].

However, a [Workshop]? It isn't the [Library] that Rin desires, and not the [Hangar] that I want either.

[Here is the [Workshop] centre ~dearimasu. Entry is currently prohibited except for the [Compatible person] ~arimasu!]  
[Pretty much, I am the [Compatible person] according to Shizuka though.....]

I bring up the name of our Robokid-san since they are probably sisters.

[Shizuka..... You mean Francesca ~dearimasu? I see, you have already obtained the [Sky Garden]. In that case this talk will be quick. Whether you have the qualification as the [Compatible person] or not, I will test it out right now ~dearimasu]

Test... What on earth are you going to test me with?

[Without moving one step from there, try to guess the color of my pantsu ~arimusu!]

[Are you stupid————!!]

No good after all, these guys! They are made by that professor, so of course she is like that! Definitely, she is laughing! That person!

Instead of thinking like a fool about the answer for the test. Isn't it white even without lifting the skirt up?

[You can only answer once. The time limit is 5 minutes. So come on, what is the color ~dearimasu?]

Ku! This fellow is in such high spirits! The time is running out while I was worrying about what to do. Grr, it's annoying but I should just do what she wants!

[The wind blow, the whirlwind soar, Whirlwind!]

The wind whirls at Rosetta's feet, the breast ribbon and bangs dances in the air. However, the skirt doesn't shake. What the heck!?

[This skirt can resist wind magic ~arimasu]

Rosetta grins and laughs. Mumu. It's not going to be simple. Then I'll erase the skirt itself.

[Flame burns, Breath of incineration, Fire Breath!]

I used fire magic to burn only the skirt, but the fire doesn't spread to the skirt. What!?

[Similar to wind, it can withstand fire magic ~arimasu]

What is with this strongest skirt!? It is a waste of high technology!

Ku, don't get carried away. If I got serious, I could peep at pantsu at anytime!..... Um, strange. I don't understand why I'm getting so desperate.

Enough. I'll just peep directly. I will transfer my sight inside the skirt and peek a little, that should be good. It can't be helped. There's no other way.

.....I wonder why all the excuses, me.....

[Long Sense]

I hurl only my vision inside the skirt, and open my eyes. It's dim but I can clearly see it..... However.....

..... Butsu.

I crouch in place, then tremble while holding red liquid flowing from my nose that taste like iron in my hand. That thing!? Is it that!?

[So, what is the color ~dearimasu!?]

[..... Colorless..... transparent.....]





[Correct answer ~dearimasu! You have been acknowledged as the compatible person, and right now number 27, with individual name [High Rosetta], will transfer the ownership rights to you ~dearimasu. Please take care of me forever ~dearimasu!]

After Rosetta said that, she strikes a pose by snapping a salute, but to be honest it didn't matter. It wasn't on the level of see-through, it was panties made from food wraps but..... in front of my eyes..... Doesn't this fellow have

any sense of shame!? Such transparency.....

Botatatatatsu ..... Are? But my nosebleed has not stopped.....



## Chapter 84: The [Workshop], And The Babylon Linking

[ Has it stopped?]

[Somehow...]

The nosebleed has finally stopped. It appears, I could successfully evade the stupid way to die, which is said to be from the excessive nosebleed.

Incidentally, I got Rosetta to change into a normal piece of clothing. There is no excuse for my current mental state. I'm saying this but isn't it because I don't see where it is supposed to be worn, among other things?

Though I say, a while ago I couldn't keep a straight face!

[Now then, I will guide you to the 「Workshop」]

Rosetta began to walk briskly after saying so while sending glances over here. What is it?

[Do you also want to see what I changed into? ]

[I didn't see it and don't want to see it. Enough already, just guide me!]

[I understand. By the way, Master, do you prefer big breasts or small ones?]

[Just guide me!]

[Yes, Master]

What is this fellow even saying!? If the parent is like that, then the child is also like that? Please just spare me.

Steadily following Rosetta's pace, we gradually approach a dice-like building. Since they call it a [Workshop], then I think this should be a place to make things.

The white building's side is approximately 50 meters in length. Surely it is similar to that Arc de Triomphe in France which is 50 meters in height. I get the impression of its appearance like that of a die. A square cube. Moreover, is there nothing like windows at all? No, on the contrary there are no doors either?

When we come by the building, Rosetta suddenly reach towards the wall with a hand.

Next moment, on the wall before our eyes , multiple fibers start forming, then, in a flash, they rearrange to become a small cube, and then they reconstructed towards the gaping wide open door.

Is that building, by any chance, an assembly of small cubes ? Small cubes are gathered, make form of this building, and by Rosetta`s command, transform to similar form, or something like that.

This is amazing technology.....

Going through seemingly built door, there are stairs leading up. After ascending several floors, the vast area could immediately be seen. What the heck.....

There was a pure white room. There`s nothing in it. Really nothing. Just, white walls, white floor, and white ceiling. It`s even wide. Too wide.

[What is this?]

[It is the [Workshop]. As envisioned, all the crafting tools are created here, as well as a workbench, and production support, it`s an all-purpose workshop, you know]

While saying that, Rosetta touches the floor with her hand, and before our eyes a white table instantly appears, with an arm with various tools protruding from the table.

I see. By manipulating the small blocks which form this building itself, you can make any tools and instruments.

[Only master and I can operate the [Workshop]. Also, if an original product is made, it is possible to reproduce it. Assuming the raw materials are available, of course]

I see. Honestly speaking, if it is about making things I already have [Modelling], but to be able to mass produce things is another matter. For example I can mass produce bicycles and sell them..... To earn some income.

As for complex things like smartphones, it might be impossible because I don`t know what materials are needed. Maybe I can make it if it`s just the form, including the contents. But for example, since it`s made of iron it won`t function like a smartphone.

But a [Workshop] like that is better named as [Production Factory].

As an experiment I remove Brunhild from the waist, and asked her to reproduce it. I also take out a lump of mithril from [Storage] and give Rosetta the materials.

Rosetta puts Brunhild on the white table, places her hand above the table from this side and recites a command.

[Scan]

The bottom of the set-up table emits green light for an instant. When it disappears, she removes Brunhild from the table and places a lump of mithril on it.

[Copy]

A light knock is heard, and mithril falls into the hole made by the table, which then closes shut. Some kind of green light shines again. And then, the lid opens, and completed thing rises up.

The excess mithril fragments are scattered by the side, and before me lies a completely identical Brunhild. This one shines with silver.

Taking it in my hand, I tried pulling the trigger, then I also tried extending it to sword blade but it didn't extend. Fumu. It appears [Program] cannot be copied.

I redo all the [Programs] like reloading, etc., while I put the original away in storage.

[If you also have in mind the number of desired copies, they will automatically be kept manufacturing afterward]

[I see. That is convenient]

I have no plans to mass produce right now, but it may become necessary in the future. Oh, that's right.

[Rosetta, Shizuka mentioned this, was there something that could oppose the Fureizu?]

The [Framegear] ~dearimasu. It can certainly be produced here. I also assisted the professor.

As I thought. It can be developed in the [Workshop], and put in the [Hangar] when completed. All that's left.....

[Rosetta, can you make a [Framegear]?]

[It's impossible for me ~dearimasu. Currently, only equipment type at most can be made. I need blueprints. Those may be found in the [Warehouse]]

Ununu. We should search for the [Hangar], or the [Warehouse] and ask Rosetta to make it. Either way there's no other choice for now.

[I'll call everyone for the time being. Shizuka will also want to meet Rosetta after all]

[I'm looking forward to it].

Thinking about it I left them behind in the desert. I hurriedly open a [Gate] to the place where everyone is.

[So this is the [Workshop]~..... ]

[... I am somewhat irritated] (Rosetta)

Rin, who murmured disappointment without hiding it, was given a menacing sidelong glance from Rosetta.

[It is much more useful than the [Garden] which is simply for admiration]

[Otto, the [Garden] is a healing garden, a place for healing, for peace of mind, and provides moral support for master. That's a severe misunderstanding]

Standing between the two people, I separate them, while they keep glaring at each other.

[Apart from that, is it possible to link [Garden] and [Workshop]?]

[Yes. Now that the ownership is transferred to master, it is a good idea]

[Because the barrier's level was lowered, the link with [Garden] can be made. It can even be operated from there, you know]

Standing in the corner of the [Workshop], was a terminal monolith similar to the one in the [Garden], which Rosetta turns over to Shizuka.

[What shall I do, master ? ]

[Let's bring the [Garden] to Belfast. The [Workshop] will also depart for Belfast. We will be docking there]

[ [ Docking ] ] ?

? Both of them stared at me. Did I say something strange?

[ [How unpleasant] ]

[Just do it already!]

Look at that, troublesome people increased by one. It is because of that, that I didn't want to search for Babylon, you know. Thinking about it, these fellows thinking pattern is absolutely like of that professor.

《Master. Why has the [Garden] has begun to move suddenly?》

The telepathic message came from Kuroyou. Oops, greetings will have to wait.

《There is no problem. It is being manipulated to go towards Belfast from here. We found the [Workshop]》

After I opened the [Gate], everyone moved to [Garden]. Because it looks like that automatic manipulation of [Workshop] and [Garden] to go towards the Belfast is working, I picked up Kuroyou and Sango and transferred to the garden at home.

Passing the terrace, when we entered the living room, Rebekka-san, Logan-san, and the boy Will, who noticed us, jumped from the chairs and begun to kneel on the floor.

[Hey, stop that! This is too much! ]

[No ! We heard from Cecil-dono! Please accept our rudeness to His Majesty the next king...!]

Aaa... She said too much, didn't she? Our maid-san. When I saw her I glared at her, she was sticking her tongue out! She gave me that look. Did you think everything was permitted here?

[Anyway, please do not worry so much. We are also bad at formalities]

[Ha....]

The three people stand up, while feeling hesitant. I let them sit on the chairs and somehow calm down.

[We will go take a bath]

Elsie and girls together went to their own rooms. It seems Rin also returned to the palace with Pola with the news about the Fureizu and other things. Tentatively I reminded her that it was forbidden to speak about [Babylon].

Shisuka took Rosetta and went towards my room. Are? Which reminds me, will Rosetta become our maid too?

[And where are everyone else?]

[They were tired... I guess, they're sleeping like logs... ~dearimasu]

(She changes her speech from casual to polite)

[You don't need to strain yourself by using polite speech, you know? I'm not really a noble]

Rebekka-san, who is stressed because of not being accustomed to using polite speech, while showing a bitter smile, drinks the water which Rene brought.

[Is that so? Then please let me do that]

[Wait a minute, is that ok? ]

[The person himself said so. Do not mind it.]

Disregarding Logan-san's remark, Rebecca grins broadly. Ma, a person like that will come around eventually.

[Well then, what're does everyone gonna do now? You three can live off working for the guild, but where would the girls sleep?]

[How do I say this, because these girls are originally from a village, they don't possess special skills or are useful in battle. Until we find some work in the capital, we will not abandon them, I think... ]

[Maa, that's good too...]

Work huh. I certainly thought about mass producing the bicycles in the [Workshop] and ask the girls to sell them, but it would be difficult... I want to conceal the [Workshop], so I could sell them myself, or ask some professional how. The trader from Misumido, or something. Or the fox man, Olga-san's father.

Aside from that, what other jobs are there... something like a food cart? I could make the stand myself, with the necessary ingredients expenses, will it be



enough to support 7 people?

No, good ideas don't come out. Trade business is difficult, you know.

Well, what to do.

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## Arc 12: Everyday's Life #3

## Chapter 85: The Book Collection, And The Store

I'm considering if I should try starting a business. First I'd need funds. Though I sold the mithril, I kept some because it is considerably useful.

And so, I had the bicycle copied in the [Workshop], just 50 to start with. I brought them to the Misumido trader, Orba-san's place, and after negotiating he bought it for a considerably large amount.

Uumu, I wonder if it is a good thing to receive that much for such easily made things from iron and rubber. Well, because the other side also is a merchant, negotiations, which results in a loss, are part of life. Perhaps, it should be expected that he will be able to earn even more. I should give up on hesitating.

For now, I have acquired the funds. While there, I also go to Misumido's bookstore, and buy a number of major story books of this country. I buy whole series. However, only those completed. I don't need those which are still being completed. Because this world does not have a thing called [Scheduled Release Date]. Whether or not the next volume comes out depend on the author. I can't wait for something like that. I bought approximately 500 books in total.

Now I go to Oedo in Ishen, and also buy books there. There was no typical Japan-like atmosphere about them, nor did they look like scrolls among other things, as I imagined it, they were just an ordinary books. This time I also buy works focused on legends. Ishen has a lot of fairy-tale series. Next is mystery? Again, I buy about 300 books and place them in [Storage].

Having received Yumina's transferred memories about the Rifurizu Empire's capital, Bern, I teleport there and, in the same way, obtain 400 books in a bookstore. Though it's my first time in the imperial capital, I'll go sightseeing next time.

In a similar way, receiving memories about Regulus Empire's capital, Gararia, from Lapis-san and Sandora Kingdom's capital, Kyurei, from Rebecca-san, I teleport to each country and accumulate books about legends of these countries.

After buying up books from Belfast's bookstores, the book collection became

quite considerable.

[What are you going to do collecting so much books?]

Lindsey asks while looking at the mountain of books piled up on the table. When I find a book that attracted my interest, I would thumb through it. But only for a bit, since this is merchandise.

First of all, I enchant all the books I bought with [Protection]. With this, the books won't get dirty, and it will even be totally fine if it gets wet with water. Ordinary fire likely can't burn it. Though it might not be good against fire magic.

The door opens and Elsie comes in.

[I've been looking through the properties in the avenue as you asked. There was one house that was just right. It's on a corner of the South District in the Capital, and the site condition is not bad]

[Alright, for the time being we'll look it over, then I'll buy it]

[...Still, bookseller-san, you are starting a business?]

Almost but not quite. I'm not [bookseller-san].

[No, it won't be a bookstore. It will be a formal-like cafe (Kissaten). But it costs money to enter. There's a time limit, but you may freely read any book in the cafe]

Well, you could call it a [Manga Cafe] (Manga-kissa). Story books are quite expensive in this world. Though you can buy it, few commoners could have it. But picture books and the like for the sake of learning the alphabet are sold cheaply. There is no public library in this country. Although there is a library in the royal palace.

Therefore I thought a place like this where you could read freely was good. Not just books from this country, but other countries too. Furthermore, without having to buy them. That's why it's a [Reading Cafe] (Tokusho-kissa).

[... Indeed. Read as many books as you please, and also be able to have a meal... If it was me, I would spend all my time there]

Lindsey mutters while looking at the piled up mountain of books.

[And then, the cafe will be entrusted to those girls? ]

[At first. If they find something else to do then they can resign. If that happens, other people will be employed]

It seems the girls we saved in Sandora's desert can cook, so it should be okay there. Because there is no one in charge in cooking, I think if it won't very unappetizing, there won't be problems. If they are paid based on the amount of sales, the girls will be able to earn for their living expenses.

[For now, let's go take a look at the place]

I took Elsie and Lindsey and we teleported to the South District.

The property itself was not that bad. Seems like it was originally an inn, and it was made quite wide. It looks like the first floor was a bar, but if redecorated and filled with bookshelves, people will want to read here. The second and third floors will have private rooms for people who want to read at ease. The price for the use of private rooms should be set slightly higher.

[There doesn't seem to be any problems. Let's decide on this place].

I sign the documents from the real estate agent we called, thus purchasing the rights. Though it wasn't cheap, but well, it'll be fine, I think.

Well then, it's time for remodelling. And it's done. I called Wendy and the girls from the mansion, (Will also came, though I didn't call for him) then I asked Wendy and the six aside from Will, to clean the upper floors.

I use [Modelling] to transform the furniture one by one into fluffy sofas. The reception counter will be here, where beverages can be served. Should I make it self-service for the first floor visitors? Maybe make water or simple tea free of charge. It will be taken from the entry fee. Decorative plants... Because I can't make those, maybe I should bring some from the [Garden]. Bookshelves of different sizes on this side, and done.

I also made some recliner-like seats. With small tables. Uu~n, it has become enjoyable.

Taking it out from [Storage], I got Will and Wendy to arrange the huge amount of books into the bookshelves.

[Danna-sama, I have a question]

Wendy asks me while arranging the books in the bookshelves. I would like her to stop with the Danna-sama, but for some reason she won't stop calling me that.

[Won't there be some visitors who will come and take the books home secretly?]

[Ah, I also thought about that. For example, some fellow enters a private room, places the books in something like a bag, and then leaves casually. What would you do then?]

In short you're worried about shoplifting. Books are valuable here. I understand. Ma, there's no oversight on this part, you know.

[Then, let's have Will try to steal as a trial. Conceal it under the clothes or something]

[Me?]

Will looked doubtful, but did as he was told, and concealed a book under his clothes and went out the exit. But.

[Fugya!?!]

[Will!?!]

Will makes a strange sound and collapses at the exit. Yep, success. The book invokes [Paralyze] when it is taken out of the building. Furthermore, if a book moves 10 meters from the building, the book automatically teleports to the counter. Even if the paralysis is prevented with a talisman, the book will come back.

I revive the fallen Will with [Recover].

[If it's like that then certainly you can't steal it]

[The guy is then handed over to the guards. Of course he is also banned from coming here again. Still, there will be some troubles, so I want to ask Rebecca-san, Logan-san, and Will to work as guards. It's better if it's acquaintances. If circumstances are not suitable, then I will commission guild people for employment]

[I don't mind. I think I can work 3 days of the week here, and the rest I will work for the guild]

I see. Hm? What about the remaining day? A holiday? I tried asking, and Will blushes and his eyes started swimming. Next to him Wendy was blushing too. While I was thinking, \*smack\*, somebody hit the back of my head. When I turned around, there was Elsie standing with a shocked face.

[As thickheaded as always. Make a guess. They have date, a date, you know. It is necessary to have at least a day to go to play together, don't you agree]

[Aa, Onee-chan, it is no good to say something like that so frankly...!]

Lindsey panics. But Will and Wendy's faces are becoming more and more red. Seems like it hit the mark.

Maa, I understand their feelings. Let's not meddle in it anymore. I leave the two people who have quietly started arranging the books on the bookshelves, and transform a chair into a recliner using [Modelling]. I let Elsie sit on it, and adjust it little by little until it became comfortable.

[Danna-sama's no-attribute magic is really useful, you know. I don't have an attribute, so I'm envious....]

Will stopped his hand and looked this way. Or rather, I want you to stop calling me danna-sama.

[My late grandpa was able to use no-attribute magic. But magic after all, is not hereditary]

Will began to arrange the books again while sighing. So that's how it is. The nature of magic is not hereditary. Even though their genes should be the same since Lindsey and Elsie are identical twins, Lindsey possesses 3 attributes, and Elsie has 1 no-attribute.

[What kind of no-attribute magic did your grandpa have?]

No-attribute magic is personal magic. People who can use identical magic are rare. Therefore the treasure house of magic does not seem to be all the more useful. Only makes the water slightly salty, what's with that. Use ordinary salt.

But I am still interested. Even if it's not usable, depending on the way of thinking, it might become usable.

[Grandpa's no-attribute magic was not a considerable magic. It was magic

that could make things touched slightly heavier]

[Heavier...?]

[t becomes only a little heavier. Honestly it was useless magic. It was called  
[Gravity]]

.... Wait a minute. That`s it.

[Will, could you later teach me in detail about that magic?]

[? Okay?]

If it is what I think it is, that magic is hiding unbelievable potential. If that magic has something to do with [Gravity] as the name dictates...

(TL: In first mention [Gravity] is written in kana, and now, MC uses kanji for it).

Maa, that is for later. Before my eyes, the reclining seat is completed, then I start making one more.

I have yet to think up the menu. Something light so they can be picked up easily would be good. Things like cakes or sweets would be good too. I should also consider parfaits and such.

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## Chapter 86: The Voice Input, and The Gravity Change

With the preparations in order, all that's left is the practicing and the reviewing of the work details until the day of the opening of the shop.

As for the allotments, there will be two people at the reception counter. Surasu-san and Berui-san. Both have brown hair with Surasu-san having short hair, while Berui-san's is fluffy, wavy, and long. Because they have pleasant and cheerful attitudes, this arrangement will do nicely.

In the kitchen will be Shia-san and Mia. Black-haired sisters. Because these two people can cook to some extent, furthermore having received teachings from Claire-san, they have the basic training.

And then for the waitresses who will serve the customers and such, we have Sylvie-san and Marika, and also Wendy. Sylvie is the oldest of the seven people (although I say so, she's only 21 however), so she has the position of leader to lead everyone. According to the person in question, she didn't seem to want to do it, but this Miss who is briskly working, seems to be actually reliable.

Marika is young next to Wendy, but anyhow, she's a healthy girl with a lot of spirit. Although sometimes it backfires and she often fails, she works hard to make up for it.

Among all of them Wendy is the youngest, but she handles everything flawlessly. I was worried about her docile character, but there doesn't seem to be any problem. Because these three people had the fundamentals of serving customers be driven from Lapis-san, it will be alright, I think.

I ordered all of their clothes from Zanakku-san. Finding various outfits on the net, and I showed it to them, but unexpectedly everyone chose the clothes similar to Taisho Era's Haikara-san. According to everyone, the chests and skirts of the other clothes were risqué in numerous ways. Is that so? Well, there's no reason to object.

For the time being, we will begin operations with that lineup. Wednesdays and Sundays are rest days. Business hours are from 9AM till 6PM. A membership card will be made and given upon entering, recording the time

they entered. Usage time is prepaid, and if there's an extension, the additional amount will be paid upon leaving. The use of private rooms have additional charges. Food and drink fees are also paid upon leaving.

Afterwards, I had flyers distributed which were photocopied in the [Workshop], to serve as advertising. Opening is on the day after tomorrow.

Because the basic confirmation was finished, these days just recently, I've been doing a daily routine at the residence.

Placing the smartphone on the table, I sit on a distant chair.

「Activate」

When I murmur, the smartphone powers on [Automatically].

「Search. Within the residence, how many people are humans?」

『... Search end. 10 people. 2 men, 8 women』

For men it would be me and perhaps Lime-san, therefore, Julio could be in the garden. Since the search was for human beings, Shizuka and Rosetta were not included.

「Search. In the garden of this residence, how many people are there?」

『... Search end. In the garden is one person. It is a man』

「Tom-san and the like are outside the gates, therefore they were excluded.

Image of the person in the garden」

『Roger』

Julio-san's 3D-like image is shown on the smartphone screen. It is a combination of [Long Sense] and [Mirage]. Julio-san, who was working on the flower bed, stands up to stretch his back. He's probably tired.

「Target lock on him. Invoke [Cure Heal] and [Recovery]」

『Roger. Invoking [Cure Heal] and [Recovery]』

A magic formation appears above Julio-san's image, then a soft light pours down. For a moment he looks surprised, and after moving his body, relieved of fatigue, he turns to face in the direction of my room. When I opened the window to wave a hand at him, he responded in a similar manner, too.

Un, it came to operate smoothly.

I have evolved the integrated [Program] one by one. For the voice output, a recording of Shizuka's voice is used. At first I tried using my own voice, but it became quite unpleasant so I stopped. Such is that voice, my own.

Because there's a recording function it was different from Pola, and it wasn't particularly difficult. Honestly, I had to remember every single one, so it was considerably difficult, but it has become usable like this. I can't really operate the smartphone during a battle, so having voice input will help a lot

「Net search. Today's events」

The 3D image of Julio-san vanished, then the network news of today in my former world is displayed. Is there House of Councilors elections? I wanted try to use my right to vote at least once.

「End. Power off」

The screen of the smartphone goes out, and powers off. Yosh, good job. I put the smartphone on my breast pocket and leave the room.

When I descend to the first floor, Will came back with the nice timing.

「Good timing. After this I will experiment with the magic of your Jii-san, do you want to see?」

「Jii-chan's? But it's just magic, that just makes things a little heavier. It's not really useful....」

「That's not really it. If my idea is right, depending on the person who uses it, it might be the strongest class of magic, you know」

「Eh ! ?」

My words must really be hard to believable, since Will made a strange look, but he must've been interested because he still came along with me.

We go out into the terrace towards the garden. As usual, Julio-san was tending to the flower bed.

We walk till near the center of the garden.

「Will, would you lend me your sword?」

「He? Aah, it is okay, but....」

He unsheathes the sword from his waist and hands it to me. Maa, it's just a

normal sword. Although it's not bad, as I thought it's too big for Will to swing around.

「I've been wondering for a while now, but this sword doesn't seem to suit Will too much. Why is it so big?」

「Ah, well, I just picked it up. It was dropped in the desert. It probably belonged to an adventurer eaten by a Sandcrawler or something」

Uwaah. So he was thinking about how to use it properly..... Maa, novice adventurers would have difficulty procuring protective gear too. Nothing we can do about it.

I thrust the sword into the ground of the garden.

「Try extracting it」

「Eh? Ha....」

Will pulls out the stuck sword smoothly. It comes out without difficulty. After confirming it, I have him thrust it into the ground again. Will looks puzzled not being able to understand.

Now then, from here is the experiment. I put my palm on the pommel of the sword stuck in the ground, and focus my magic.

「Gravity」

Gaku~ the sword goes in deeper. It seems to have properly taken effect.

「Try to extract it」

「？」

Will takes the handle, and tries to pull it out but it doesn't move.

「Na..... ! Kuu, heavy~..... !」

Dozun~ the sword falls sideways after applying force to it. Will tries to lift it but it doesn't move at all.

「It seems like this magic can change the [Weight] of the touched object. Will's Ojii-san couldn't make it more than a little heavier, probably because of magic capacity」

Perhaps it would be more accurate to define it as [Gravity Change], but

because there is no magic of that range specification, it seemed more fitting to call it [Weight]. I have a feeling it should be [Gravity] not [Weight], but there's no point in minding such details.

Its weakness is the object needs to be touched to invoke it, but you can increase the weight by pouring magic, and you can freely cancel it. It's not just objects either, oneself's weight can also be changed accurately. In other words, I can do a megaton punch if I invoke it just before it hits. However in this regard, I can't be barehanded because I might damage my fists.

Changing the weapon's weight during a fight would be most efficient. I could probably even crush a Fureizu if I used this.

Moreover, I could make my body weight lighter to increase the effects of [Boost] and [Accel]. Are? If I enchant weapons, I could maybe make earth-shattering light weapons. However, it doesn't mean much if I just lighten an axe or mace. It gets power because it is heavy.

Anyhow, it is a considerably convenient magic.

「Ojii-san was able to use such an earth-shattering magic, you know. It's just that, he simply did not have enough magic power so it wasn't effectively obvious」

「Jii-chan's magic was such an amazing thing..... 」

Thanks to Will, we now have a means to oppose the Fureizu. I have to express my gratitude somehow. I take out a lump of mithril from [Storage], transform it using [Modelling], and make a breastplate and gloves that fit Will.

「That.... Is it fine for me to accept it?」

「Please accept it since it's thanks for your Ojii-san's magic. We should do something about that sword too」

Cancelling [Gravity], I pick up Will's sword. I bestow [Gravity] on it using [Enchant], but this time adversely I only make it a little bit lighter. Its power due to its weight would more or less have dropped, but I think it should've become easier to wield.

When I hand over the sword, he tried to swing it two-three times, then his eyes stared in amazement over the sword which became lighter.

「It is easy to handle. If it is with this armor and sword, I might be able to defeat demon beasts easier than before」

「Still, you shouldn't be careless... That's right, you should get some intense training to become strong? 」

「Eh?」

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「And, saying this, would you be able to have this fellow work hard?」  
「I see」

I took Will along to the training fields of the Knight Order. In front of us is Vice-Commander Neil. Next to me is the boy Will who was trembling to the point of breaking.

「Good timing. As a matter of fact, the Knight Order has been having problems with enrolling nobody else but nobles as per the previous incident, so we have decided to start taking applications widely」

「Ho-ho. So Will can get training then, and if he is useful he can also join the Knight Order?」

「It will up to the person himself still」

While saying so, Vice-Commander gives Will an intense look over.

「You are called Will, yes? Leaving aside whether you will join the Knight Order or not, do you want to become strong? 」

「That... is what I want. There is a person I want to protect. For that reason I want to become even stronger. Not just to become stronger, I want to become a man capable of protecting various things」

His legs were trembling, but Will answered the Vice-Commander clearly. If it's a person he wants to protect, it's probably that girl. Hearing this, Vice-Commander Neil grinned broadly.

「Splendid! It is the duty of a knight to fight for the sake of protecting someone or something. You seem to have character. Morning or evening, you should come here. I'll let you participate in the training. You should become strong to your heart's content」

「Hai!」

Will gives an encouraging reply. I read a book once, in it was written [if there is a heroic boy and a brave girl, then the country will never perish].

Boy, become strong.

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## Chapter 87: The Opening, and The Rose-Colored Cafe

The opening of the reading cafe [Tsukuyomi] was unexpectedly popular. The system itself was unusual, so it became the topic of many conversations, but it seems that one after another people who inadvertently overstayed in cozy atmosphere appeared.

For that reason, after the third day I made a Free Pass Course. By paying a fixed amount, it's a course that will allow one to go in and out freely all day long. Though the charge is a little bit high, it is considerably cheaper than the usual course for a whole day.

With chairs and private rooms becoming insufficient, we opened up the garden, so people can read there too on the sofas. However that course was wholly self-service, it's just for reading. And on rainy days it becomes completely unusable.

The most unexpected of all is the ratio between men and women guests. Because it had the image of a manga cafe, I thought there'd be more men, but there were definitely more women. About eighty percent were women. It's possible but, the reason for this might be because we specialized in story books.

It seems that the men wanted references, picture books, magic books, and practical books like fencing, they weren't interested in story books as much. But even so, there are men who come in order to read about legends of knights, stories of adventurers, records of wars, and so on.

Since it became clear that there were a lot women, novels that were popular with the women were stocked on the bookshelves as much as possible. As soon as the various books Lindsey bought were displayed, the number of women suddenly increased even further. Because there were a lot of people who wanted to read them, who knows how many copies I made, several of the same books were lined up. My mouth can't say what books they were. At least I want to distance myself from men who willingly read those. I feel danger for my body.

Maa, at any rate it was a great success and we earned a lot of income. Since I



was able to give out the salaries for seven people properly with sufficient margin, everyone left the mansion and found their own lodging. Rebecca-san and Logan-san left a long time ago, while Will left at the same time as Wendy. Of course for the same lodging. Though not in the same room. Furthermore, Wendy was in the same room as Sylvie-san. Hang in there, boy.

「Now then, it has been a while since we went to the guild, maybe we should do our main job?」

There's a new [Program] in my smartphone, and I also want to try out the no-attribute magic [Gravity]. Everybody else seemed to have other plans, so only Yumina is free. Because only Yumina's guild card is blue, it seems she wanted to quickly make it the same red rank as ours.

「Then, it's just us two, right?」

「Hai. It will be a subjugation date」

Er no, excuse me but I don't want such a bloody date.....

On the way to the guild she wanted to cling on my arm, but because it was difficult to walk she agreed to just hold hands. It's still embarrassing in its own manner however.

When we arrive at the guild, there were adventurers gathered around lively as usual. When we try to approach the request board, a big man was standing in front of it blocking the way. In black trousers and tiger-striped vest, which he is wearing directly on his skin. A large double-edge axe is hanging on his waist, and some fashion chain necklace jangling on his neck. There's not a single strand of hair on his head, who was broadly grinning.

「Oi brats, what are you doing in this kind of place? This place is not a kid's playground, you know?」

It's a face I haven't seen before. Did this guy just come to the royal capital just recently? You can't exactly forget if you've seen a guy with a bad sense of style once.

Looking around, some guys among the adventurers there are smirking. However they are not smirking at me. They are smirking at the guy in front of me.

Well now, what shall I do with that.

「You, did you not hear me!? Before you get hurt, gugya! ?」

I shot him without hesitation because his hand was reaching out for Yumina. Well, of course with paralysis bullets you know? But it's still as painful as receiving a body blow. I think he was still conscious, so I take out my guild card and put it in front of his eyes.

「If you judge people by their appearances you're gonna have a bad time you know?」

With his eyes wide open after seeing the Red Rank card, I drag the guy, then throw him out of the guild. I used [Gravity] to make him lighter, which was helpful. I could carry him easily.

When I returned inside the guild, the guys who were grinning some time ago were bursting into explosive laughter. As I thought, they were smirking as they anticipated that it would come to this.

「Picking a fight with a [Dragon Slayer], that guy sure has some guts!」

「Someone should've told him. Everyone's bad for keeping quiet! 」

「Fool! If we had we wouldn't be able to enjoy ourselves then, would we?」

That is for certain, and everyone bursted into laughter. Say you....

Maa, actually, it's not the first time that I've been picked for fight like this. In my case, it's probably because I don't look strong in appearance (it's pitiful to be the one saying so), so I'm often getting entangled with those type of bunch. Each time it happens, I'm stuck with beating them down.

Maa, oh well. Anyway, I go towards the board and start looking at the posted commissions. This time there's only two of us, it will be safer to leave out subjugations, which require many people.

I take in my hand one subjugation request from among the red requests.

「Bloody Crab? Is it a crab?」 (tl: first is the term (kana), second is the description(kanji))

「It is a huge red crab which is a demon beast. It has four big scissors, and its trait is a very hard carapace. The shell is sold as raw materials for protectors,

and it seems that its meat can be sold at a high price too you know?」

Ho-ho. It is a delicious story, as expected of a crab. Let's accept this for the time being. Subjugation target is also just one animal, and because it's not so far from the mine where we took down the mithril golems, we can get there easily.

Tearing off the written request, I take it to the Onee-san at the counter. Yumina is a blue rank, but I'm a red rank, so there's no problem. It wouldn't be possible to accept it however, if we had someone else who was also of a lower rank since there'd be more people of a lower rank.

「Ano~..... aren't you Mochizuki Touya-san, the owner of the reading cafe [Moon Read]?」

Having received the written request, the Onee-san from reception desk nervously started talking to me.

「Haa, it is me.....」

「Ano, there is a series called [Knight Order of Rose] among the books in the Rifuziru Empire, but do you have something like a schedule for its arrival?」

While Onee-san is blushing, she approaches me excitedly. It seems she really wanted to read that book.

「E~to, is that book completed?」

「Hai! It should have already been completed with 15 volumes!」

If it is completed then it should be fine to buy it too. They might lose interest if I don't buy new ones occasionally. should I go and buy it after returning from the subjugation?

「Then I'll purchase them. It will be available by tomorrow, will it be all right?」

「So fast!? Waaa! I will look forward to it! Because tomorrow will be my day off, I will be able to enjoy it all day! 」

After we were seen off by the Onee-san who was being overly delighted and pleased, we leave the guild. Yumina, who has been keeping quiet all this time, was intermittently looking this way.

「Ano~... Touya-san. Do you know what kind of story the [Knight Order of

Rose] is ?」

「No, I don't know. Do you know it?」

「Ah, well. It is a tale of a Knight Order of a country, there's only men in the [Knight Order of Rose], and there is a discord with the women only [Imperial Guards of Liliu] developing in the background, and this series has lovemaking being depicted within the Knight Order... 」

Wait a minute. [Within the Knight Order]? Eh? That means, with nothing but men in the Knight Order... Catching my glance, Yumina veery quickly averts her eyes. E, so it's really like that?

「... The promise has already been made, so it would be bad if I don't buy it now, wouldn't it... 」

「It is so... Well, it will likely result with just being seen in a particular light for a moment by the bookstore staff... 」

Unuu. I can't have Yumina go and buy it as well.

「..... At any rate, you know that book pretty well, don't you?」

「Ah~ no, you see, I was just saying it so there's no misunderstanding, I don't really have such a hobby, really. I don't read this kinds of books, really!」

Really, you say? I give a doubting look at the small lady. There is also Lindsey's case, isn't she being similarly influenced too? Well, it doesn't mean that it is particularly a bad one. Each person has their hobby, right? I won't say that out loud though.

「... As a matter of fact, I know the one who wrote that work. That's how I came to know about that work too..... Because that person is famous, it is not being published using their real name, they're using an alias」

「Eeh, Who is it? Is it someone I know too ?」

「No, Touya-san perhaps doesn't know that person. .... You can't say it to anyone, okay? Ririeru • Rimu • Rifurizu-sama.... The first princess of Rifurizu empire」

.....Ah ?

Wait~wait~wait~wait~just-a-minute~wait. The princess of the whole country is... writing that kind of book, you say?

「The royal families of The Rifurizu Empire and the Belfast Kingdom have

known each other since olden days... I know Riri-anesama very well from olden days too. Maa, before anyone know it, she had [that kind of hobby] and eventually wrote it herself.....」

My head aches..... I will stay away from Rifurizu as much as possible. It would be a disaster if I am even made a model or material after carelessly meeting her with misfortune. Is what I think, but I still have to go and buy that book! Kuu.

Maa, since there's no way that an imperial princess will be in the town's bookstore, it'll be alright I think.

But still, it's fine with the Onee-san at the reception, and it's fine with the bookstore guests, I wonder if I have possibly brought too much culture to this country?... I won't have my name go down in history, will I?

Anyway, for now, let's go defeat the Bloody Crab. I move through the [Gate] with Yumina

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## Chapter 88: The Crab, and The List of Goods

The Bloody Crab's habitat is a so called wasteland to the south of the Steer Mine where we defeated the Mithril Golems.

Coming out from [Gate] to the mine, we have no choice but to go south on foot from here.

「It's not that far to use [Garden]. So let's run」  
「Eh ? Kyaa ! ?」

I decide to lift Yumina with both arms and carry her. It is of course a princess carry. And just like that I start running nimbly.

「Gravity」

I reduce my weight and Yumina's to around half. If I bring it too close to zero, I can't control my body balance and fall down because I would be too light.

「Accel Boost」

Moreover, using body strengthening and acceleration magic, I produce an explosive speed. There's no resistance even when running at such speed, I don't even feel the headwind. It's an effect of the magic barrier of [Accel]. I thought it'd be like a virtual game somehow. Though I was running at an earth-shattering speed, it felt similar to some other-world thing.

Because of such feelings, Yumina is in my arms unfrightened of the speed, gazing at the flowing scenery.

After running for a short while, we could see the wasteland. I stop for the time being and put Yumina down.

「Search. Bloody Crab. Within the radius of three kilometers」  
『...Search End. From here, to the southwest is one body. Displaying it』

The map of this area is displayed in an image before my eyes. From here, the crab should be there. About 1 km from here.

「Touya-san, just now, Shisuka's voice....」  
「N? Aah, I got her voice and used it here. It might be obvious, but that's

because that girl's voice is mechanical and lacks emotion. Rather I think I'm digressing」

Taking out the smartphone from my breast pocket, I explain it to Yumina.

I hold Yumina in my arms once more and run in the direction where the crab is. Soon, we could see the figure of a big crab with its red carapace, a pair of big scissors on each side and similarly carrying itself on four legs on both sides. (TL: 2 scissors on left, 2 scissors on right, 4 legs on right, 4 legs on left)

It's big. Probably around the size of a dump truck. With rugged and rock-like bumps and a carapace that stands out with its blood-red color. Its appearance gives out a feeling of a red king crab being atrociously transformed. However, its four scissors are abnormally large unlike a red king crab. It'd be the end if one gets caught in those. The upper body would part from the lower body.

The Bloody Crab becomes aware of us, it turns its body and faces this way. Bubble foams are on its mouth, but isn't that a sign of a crab living underwater suffering from the lack of oxygen? Maa, to think that common sense of that world is the same here is a trap. However, it's strange it's here at this hour. One has to change their outlook, or it will be a matter of life and death.

After putting Yumina down, we prepare our weapons. I set Brunhild to Blade mode, and Yumina draws out her Colt M1860 from her waist. And just like that, we start shooting consecutively with paralysis bullet while facing the crab, but being unable to break through the carapace, it seems [Paralysis] doesn't have any effect too. Seems like its magic resistance is strong. Seems like magic won't be effective either. Just goes to show how red rank subjugation targets are.

「Be entangled by soil, ground spell, Earth Bind」

By the spell chanted by Yumina, the soil at the feet of the Bloody Crab entwines to each of its legs, making its movement grow dull. It seems like it's somewhat effective if it's not a directly targeted magic.

「Accel」

Without missing this chance, I use acceleration magic, leap overhead above the crab instantly, and land on its rugged back. Though the magic that I'm about to use is magic that is directly applied on the target, it'll probably be fine I think.

Squatting down, I touch the crab's back and invoke the magic.

「Gravity」

Gakun! The crab's legs bend, and it collapses on the ground. I jump down from the back and stare at the crab, whose movements have weakened.

Fumu, once [Gravity] is invoked, I can then increase or decrease it as I want to.

「What did you do?」

「I increased this guy's weight several times with magic. With its body being too heavy, he can't move anymore」

Although it's dragging its heavy body, the Bloody Crab somehow still manages to make an attack, so I increase the magic and add more weight. The raised scissors fall to the ground and stop moving. Even though I added considerable weight, the carapace still doesn't crack one bit.

「...Touya-san, this crab, hasn't it already died?」

「Eh?」

Come to think of it the foaming bubbles have disappeared already. Strange bodily fluids have begun to ooze out from all over the body. Seems like the internal organs could not withstand the weight.

I cancel [Gravity]. Bloody Crab did not move an inch. Drawing near, I try to strike it with Brunhild, but there is no reaction as well. It is just like a corpse.

「It was settled considerably easy」

Yumina looks at the crab while putting the gun into her waist holster.

「The strong point of this magic is that once it is used, it is possible to manipulate the weight from a long distance」

Changing the mood, I pick up some small pebbles from the ground, and after using [Gravity] I throw them in front of myself. Before falling into the ground, I increase the weight of each one by a hundred kilograms. Then there were dents here and there on the ground where I scattered the pebbles.

「..... It is an amazing magic, isn't it」

「I could probably even break the Fureizu if I used this. The weakness is that it



can't be used without touching, but that issue might be solved if I use this」

I take out the smartphone from my breast pocket. Before, I was able to round up all the thieves using [Paralysis] without invoking it or touching them. Perhaps, it would be possible to do the same with [Gravity]. I thrust Brunhild which was in my hand into the ground.

「Search. Brunhild. Target Lock. With [Gravity] let's see, increase the weight by two-fold 」

『...Search completed. Target locked. Invoking [Gravity]』

I take Brunhild, standing in front of my eyes, in my hand. It is heavier than usual. It appears that the effect was achieved. The experiment is success. It will become a considerable weapon. Since it appears that because magic contradicting the effects of magic exists in this world, it doesn't mean that it can be called almighty, I think.

Cancelling [Gravity], I affix Brunhild on my waist.

「For now, we have to carry this crab and return」

「The subjugation part is only the scissors, but they say the guild purchases other parts too. Should we sell everything?」

「Un, let us keep one leg. As a souvenir for Claire-san. We'll have crab pot today」

「Sounds good」

(tl: kaninabe)

Putting it in [Storage] temporarily, we use [Gate] and return to the guild in the royal capital.

When we handed over the subjugation part to the reception's onee-san, her eyes go round at the overwhelming speed, but upon explaining about the [Gate], we were able to reach an understanding. Tentatively, it is the duty of the guild staff personnel to hide this sort of individual ability. In other words, there's no need to worry about exposing it. Though there might be fellows who would doubt this.

In the guild's courtyard, I take out the Bloody Crab we brought back from [Storage], and had it assessed. Of course, one leg had been torn off.

Shell and meat, it was all a considerable amount of money. We receive the money at the counter including the reward for the subjugation. As usual, our guild cards are stamped with the seals.

「With those points, Yumina-sama's guild rank has been raised.  
Congratulations」

Receiving the guild card which has become red, Yumina was delightfully smiling.

「With this, I'm the same rank as everyone」

Ah, as I thought, she was worrying about being the only one who was different. It's just so. It's that feeling of being the odd one out.

Now then, we should go to a Rifurizu bookstore and buy the books. N~, Since we received a lot more money than estimated, maybe we should also buy other books. ...of such orientation. The trade is determined by customers. Is that fortunate? There is a person in front of me, who seems to have good knowledge on that matter.

「E~tto, receptionist-san」

「Ah, I'm called Prim. How may I help?」

After this, I inform her about buying the books mentioned before, along with any popular books with the same genre she could suggest.

「Eh!? Are you saying that you are going to buy these books!?!」

「If they are in stock over there, that is. Because of the money I earned from the subjugation this time, it will be alright」

「Wa~, will you wait a bit please!? 」

And, the minute she said that, she goes over to a similar female guild staff members, talks to them about something, and writes down on a memo. Then she goes over to another female staff, and writes down on the memo again. She repeats this several times, finally, even talking to several female adventurers she seemed to be acquainted to, then comes back to me. Oi oi, you're duties are stagnating.....

「If~, if those will be obtained, everyone said they would definitely come tomorrow to [Moon Read]. Please take those into account!」

「... Haa..... I will definitely consider that.....」

Taking the handed over memo in my hand, when I raised my head, I was able to see the sparkling eyes from most of the women inside the guild. Sparkling ? Even if you don't set that sparkling mood....

I leave the guild, then go home for the time being. I plan to go to the bookstore after escorting Yumina, but isn't this a coincidence? Because Lindsey was taking her meal in the terrace, I also showed her the memo Prim-san had written.

「...This, you will buy all of them, right?」  
「If only they are in stock」

Lindsey takes out a pen from her breast pocket and adds a few titles on the memo. Stop adding to it, stop adding.

「... These you absolutely must buy. The last volume just came out and missing it will take time to obtain all of them. If it becomes available in [Tsukiyomi], people are going to scramble over this」

... Is that so? I don't quite get it, but well, if Lindsey says so, it must be, I guess.

For now I say my thanks, and look over the titles in the memo I got back.

「Knight Order of Rose」15 volumes

「A Butler's secret」5 volumes

「The Oath of the Fallen Slave Prince」8 volumes

「The Boy in the Cage」6 volumes

「Sweet, Dangerous Embrace」12 volumes

「The Scorching Night of the Two Who Can't Go Back 」5 volumes

「The Sweet Trap and The Magician」12 volumes

「The Bridegroom's Immorality」17 volumes

「Rose-Colored Magical」9 volumes

「The Master's Care」18 volumes

(Ed: I swear I may have had too much fun on this part.)

..... Should I really get all of these? It seems my heart would break from these line of titles. However, it's already too late to say that I'm not going to buy these...

Maybe I should isolate these books to another area, to distinguish these from the other books. With a curtain or something to stop others from looking in, and a disclaimer to refuse entry for those 18 or younger... Tte, then it'd be the same as an adult corner in a video rental store. Uumu..... I don't want to be troubled with such things.

Maa, since it's not fostering crime or anything, it should still be wholesome. .... Is it really wholesome?

While seriously thinking about handing over the ownership to Lindsey, I open the [Gate] to Rifurizu and go in.

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## Chapter 89: The Bookstore, and The Author Encounter

Rifurizu capital, the royal city of Berun. The trait of this town is using [White] to say the least. At any rate the townscape is white. From the building's walls to stone pavings, even reaching the stairs, are anyhow white. It has a feeling similar to Mykonos Island or Santorini Island in Greece.

A remarkably white Rifurizu castle is visible in the center of the city facing the sea like a port. It is a very beautiful capital with its blue sea and white streets. The reflection of the sun is too dazzling though, I would really want some sunglasses.

Maa, since I did not come here for sightseeing this time, I quickly turn towards the bookstore. Because I've already been here before [Moon Read] opened, I arrived at the bookstore without getting lost.

Opening a solemn door, I go inside. It is a considerably large bookstore, having books from old ones to new ones. There is only a black-haired woman by herself sitting on the counter seat. U, a woman~. No, even if it was a man there'd still be hesitation to buying this kind of books.

Well it doesn't matter, let's have this clerk-san collect everything already.

「Excuse me, I'm searching for some books, you see」

「Hai, could you please tell me the title so I can look for it?」 (tl: very polite speaking manner here)

「These are the books」

Taking out the memo from the breast pocket, I hand it over to the clerk-san at the counter.

「E~tto, [Knight Order of Rose], [A Butler's secret].....」

Gradually, the clerk-san's voice became tinier, and she began to look at my face intermittently. It was not an unpleasant face, but she is making eyes similar to those women who entrusted me with the list for [Moon Read]. Sparkling. Dazzling.

Are? Even if it's not possibly the case, do I look like [that kind of person]?

「Etto, you see. I need to look for the books you have requested」

「... I see. Okay, I understand」

Wait a minute. What exactly do I understand? It is not some selfish explanation. I'm not making excuses, just the truth.

「Since I will go to prepare them, please wait just a little while」

With a very gentle smile the clerk-san disappeared into the inner book storage. I will never understand it, that.

Since I'll be waiting for who knows how long in front of the counter, I pick up a basket and look for books. I have to make sure the ordinary genres will be delivered as well. The way things are going, it will be corroded by that kind of thing.

Going to stories section, I place books of adventures and military historical documents, [ordinary] love stories and strange tales in the basket.

When I returned to the counter after doing one round, there was a pile of books. I'm wondering if someone arranged these. Is what I was thinking but the clerk-san and a female customer were arguing about something.

「I'm sorry. This is the last in stock, the next arrival of goods has not yet been set」

「Such a~.....」

The woman leans on the counter with the feeling of crumbling down at any minute. She was just about 20 years old, with bright chestnut-colored hair in a single braid kept in place with an expensive-looking barrette. She was wearing a plain but expensive-looking cardigan and skirt. Probably a noble. When the clerk notices me, she turned a smile.

「Ah, customer, the requested items are all being put together. Are you buying those as well?」

「Ah, hai. Please include these as well」

I pile up the books I had on the counter.

「Eh? Are you the person who bought [Rose Magi] ?」

Holding onto the counter up to now, the woman energetically rises up and gazes at me. [Rose Magi] ? Aah, is it the [Rose-Colored Magical] mentioned in the memo?

「What in the world is going on?」

「Haa, it is about the last volume of [Rose-Colored Magical] ordered by customer, this is the last one in stock, and this lady came here to buy it as well and..... 」

Aah, so that's how it is. This is that thing where you miss a purchase by a hair's breadth.

Maa, it's a pity but you have no choice but to give it up. Even I can't do anything with this situation since it is the last volume.





「Excuse me, the last volume of [Rose Magi], won't you hand it over!？」

「No, I came here to buy it as well, you see」

The woman, who apparently has not given up turns and bows at me, but of course I refuse her.

「This is the last one. In other bookstores it has already been sold out....」

「But, even if you say it like that.....」

Suddenly the woman before my eyes takes notice of pile of book I bought.

「..... Did you buy [Knight Order of Rose] as well?」

「Eh? Aah, Well」

She checks the other titles of the books from the pile. Before long she turns to face me, with eyes sparkling the same way as the clerk-san from before. Does this fellow misunderstand something as well?

「You have a considerably good discerning eyes, don't you 」

「It is different. You are misunderstanding something. Those are requested items, It is not my hobby」

「Eeh, I understand. I understand」

(tl: no, she doesn't)

You absolutely don't understand. Stop smirking. This woman customer was pondering for a short while, and before long went in the direction of the corner of counter and beckoned me to come.

「What is it?」

「Let's make a deal. If you hand over the last volume of [Rose Magi], how about I write my autograph on all the volumes of [Knight Order of Rose]?」

「Ha ?」

What the heck? How does that become a bargaining chip?

「What do I gain to have you write your autograph?」

「That's because I am the author of [Knight Order of Rose], Riru Rifurizu!」

(tl: I can't call her Lilu, or Liru. It doesn't quite lie on tongue. anyone have any ideas?)

E~hem, this woman sticks out her chest. ... It is a splendid one..... About the same as Yae's... wait, that's not it.

「He~, is that so」

「Ah, You don't believe me, do you?」

That's right. What's the likelihood of meeting the person in the bookstore, who is the author of the book you came to buy. Besides, I heard from Yumina about the author and know who she is. Fumu, should I ask a leading question?

「So that means, you are the Imperial Princess Ririeru?」

「Eh ? 」

The face of the self-proclaimed author-san of [Knight Order of Rose] becomes blank. As I thought, is she a fraud?

And, when I thought of that, sweat begins to pour endlessly from her face, and she began flap her mouth open and close like a goldfish. Are?

「Wh~, Wh~, wh-wh-wh, why.... ! Even father-sama doesn't know.....」

Eh, seriously.... ? Is she really the person herself?

「My, my true colors have been found out... Wa! I'll be threatened, used a stepping stone to approach my immature younger brother who is the next king, my chastity will be snatched away, to own this country...!」

「Dumbass!!」

「Ouch ! ? 」

I have chopped with all my might the rotten head discharging delusions. It doesn't matter that she's the princess! I chop her once again!

「Ouch ! Wha~, What for ! ?」

「Shut up! If I didn't hear about this from Yumina I would have completely ignored this. If this is the country's princess, will this country be fine!」

「Yumina ? By Yumina, you mean Belfast's Yumina? Who in the world are you..... ?」

While holding her head and crying, Princess Ririeru looked this way in wonder. She should be the older one, but it seems I've already lost all motivations to use honorifics. Even if she's older, it's just by one or two years so it doesn't matter.

I take a deep breath to calm down my feelings.

「I am Mochizuki Touya. Belfast Princess, Yumina-hime's fiancé. Still unofficial though」

「Eee!? Fi~ fiancé, fiancé you say, that child is marrying!?!」

Though she was looking at me completely surprised, her eyes soon start swimming, and she began to act like she was thinking about something.

「Eh? But Yumina, that girl... are? E~tto, a fake marriage...? The true aim of His Majesty The King or something? 」

「It is not that at all !」

「Ouch ! ?」

It is quite a long way off, you know ! Aaa, it is tiresome already !

Going back to the counter, I pay the price for the all the books. It was done finely, and since it was cheaper than the reward and the materials sold from the crab subjugation, there is no problem.

After putting those away in [Storage], I take Princess Ririeru along outside. In front was a splendid carriage, perhaps with the attendants and bodyguards.

I open the [Gate] behind the store, and bring along Yumina and Kohaku.

「It has been a while, Riri-ane-sama」

「Yumina!? Eh? When did you get to Rifurizu!？」

「Sorry. Yumina. I'll leave the explaining to you. Kohaku, guard them. Tell me if something happens」

《Understood》

Leaving behind Yumina and Kohaku, I jump to the [Workshop] this time.

Taking the last volume of [Rose Magi] out of the [Storage], I copy it and immediately return to Yumina and the others with it.

I hand over the book to Ririeru who was surprised at my sudden appearance.

「Here, with this there won't be problems」

「Eh, is that okay? Didn't you want...」

「Like I said it's different! In the first place I came to buy it for the shop! I'm not interested in these myself!」

「Overemphasizing it so much.... No, it is nothing」

When I was preparing to raise my chop-hand, Ririeru shut her mouth.

It is fine already, let's return. I open the [Gate] to my own home. Jumping in one step ahead, Kohaku crossed over to the other side.

「Well then, Riri-ane-sama. Stay healthy. Let's meet again」

「Yumina too. Invite me to your marriage ceremony」

If possible, I'd prefer it if you didn't come, but without breathing out a word about it, I hid it behind an expressionless mask.

Going through the [Gate], I return to my home. With a thump I drop my back on the couch in the living room in exhaustion.

「Uaa~, so tired~.....」

However, the source of said tiredness is not from the subjugation of the crab... Lindsey brought water with ice before such me.

「Thank you~」

「...No, thank you for your hard work」

I drink the water she brought in one gulp. Kaa~ delicious. I was gradually savoring the cold water, but Lindsey restlessly did not move from her spot. What now?

「.... And, that..... Book, did you manage to get it?」

Aah, so that's it. You wanted to read it. I take out today's harvest from storage and pile it on top of the table.

「I asked Rosetta and had her make several copies of each volume in advance. If there is anything that Lindsey wants, it's fine to tell Rosetta and have her increase the amount」

「Hai !」

Giving a good answer, Lindsey goes out from the living room to call Rosetta. As for Rosetta, she has the ability to move to the [Workshop], and since there is a [Gate] leading to this house from [Babylon], my magic might be unnecessary.

I go to the kitchen to hand the leg of the defeated Bloody Crab to Claire-san, and she received it with great pleasure. Today will be crab pot.

I'm going to rest for a while until then. I return to my room, I return to my

room, and when I collapse onto the bed and close my eyes, that good feeling of drowsiness attacked me swiftly. Guu.

-----Scene-Change-----

The next day, [Moon Read] displayed a flourishing business like never before. They must have heard of the rumors, because it seems there were people who have been standing in line before the shop opened. Because it seemed like all the newly acquired books were popular and it became a struggle, it couldn't be helped that who knows how many copies had to be made in a hurry.

The rising popularity of the shop is a good thing, but somehow unsatisfying.

U~mu, as I thought, I will entrust this shop to Lindsey, and maybe open a second shop.

Incidentally after several months, it seems the author of [Knight Order of Rose] released a new series.

For the sake of taking over the country where there was a man who had an all-purpose ability, a knight of that country, a beautiful princess, and her younger brother, they point their fangs at each other, it seems to be a story of pushing their way to the top. I had Lindsey show it to me, but the illustration exquisitely resembled me. I'm sure that's harassment. Next time we meet I'll show sympathy on that rotten head with a [Gravity] chop. Prepare yourself.



## Chapter 90: Early Rising, And new Gauntlet

In the morning, when I wake up, my mouth is being occupied. In front of my eyes is the face of Rosetta with her eyes closed.

「Oaa ! ?」

「Oyo ? Have you woken up ~dearimasu?」

Whaa-what ! ? Why is Rosetta in my room ! ? Or rather than that, why am I receiving a morning kiss ! ?

「Registration Completion. I was storing Master's genes ~dearimasu. From here on, the ownership of [Workshop] and being Master of my humble self will be transferred to Mochizuki Touya ~dearimasu」

Eh ? Aah, is it gene registration for [Workshop] ? Now that you said it, there was something like that. Since we were busy, I have completely forgot about that. Even so, this registration method is somehow not good, I guess. It is bad for my heart.

I was thinking whether Rosetta has become our house's maid-san since then, but what this girl was wearing were not maid clothes but work clothes. What kind of factory manager are you, is what I was thinking, but all in all it suits her.

Nowadays it seems she is manufacturing something in [Workshop]. As for reason, it is about that being merit of her existence should she make it or something like that.

Maa, She is allowed to do as she wants in that aspect though.

「Master, as a matter of fact, I would like some iron and silver ~dearimasu....」

「Again ? What on earth are you making?」

「About that, until it is completed, that will be a secret ~dearimasu」

This again. Well, it is fine nevertheless. I hand over Rosetta the money to buy steel and silver. Receiving the money while being delighted, when I look at Rosetta, I somehow have a feeling like I'm giving out a pocket money to the child.

「Oh, and a guest has come~dearimasu」

「A guest ?」

Quickly changing clothes, I go towards the living room. When I open the door and go inside, there were Lime-san with General Leon who was sitting down on the chair.

「Ouh, Touya-dono. Sorry for coming this morning」

「The guest is the general, isn't it. Is there something wrong, for you to come this early in the morning 」

「No, I would like to ask for a little favor」

Favor ? It is unusual, what on earth would that be, I wonder?

「Did you make a strange weapon for our house's Lyon, right? The one that

can become spear and sword」

Aah, is it that one which I gave that time when I beat down the stupid sons of nobles as example.

「Are there still some problems with it?」

「No, there are no particular problems with it. It is just that I want gauntlets like that as well」

「Ha ?」

「Today, Army and Knight Order are doing a combined training. It will be regrettable for one's own father to be defeated when competing against a son」

Eeh, is that the reason ? With father like that, for someone like Lyon-san to be so nicely raised....

「But, the general's gauntlets are already bestowed with some magic too, aren't they?」

When I ask, general removes the brown gauntlets hanging on his waist, and places them on the table.

「Certainly, this ones have the magic bestowment of flame on them. However, there is not much effect other than affecting the flesh and blood of opponent. If possible, I would like a bestowment which increases its destructive power. As well as raising its defensive power 」

「U~n....」

If I enchant it with [Gravity], will it be possible to increase its destructive

power.... About its defensive power, will it be convenient if I make it so that it change into shield as well.

「Then shall I try to work on it a little bit. What should I do, should I apply it on this one? Or make a completely new one?」

「Since I have memories associated with these ones by themselves. Could you make new ones for me?」

「Roger that」

Taking out mithril lump from [Storage], I change into form of gauntlets. Using a pelt of strong magic beast in moving sections, while I have general equip them a few times, I regulate their sizes. Since general is right-handed, should it be better to make shield on left hand. After that, I supplement it with bestowments of [Gravity] and [Program], then.

「For the time being, will that do?」

「Ooh, you did it !」

I hand over created silver gauntlet. Equipping them on both hands, general clanged them, making a 'ching' sound.

「Fumu, As one would expect from mithril, it is light」

「Since I will explain how to use them, should we go somewhere else? 」

Using the [Gate], we move to near the wasteland where we fought the Bloody Crab some time ago. If it is here, there is large rocky area here, it will be the most suitable place to test out the destructive power, I think.

「Etto, First of all. The gauntlet on left hand becomes a shield. It is done by invoking the words [Shield On] by person wearing it, and to restore it back – [Shield Off]」

「Hou. [Shield On]. Ooh !」

Reacting to the general's voice, the gauntlet on left hand widens and becomes a medium sized shield. It will be handy during the time of fighting against swordsmen and the like, I guess.

「Next is the offense. With key-phrase [Impact], gauntlet's weight grows 200-fold for just a second. If chanted at a time of attacking a target, the offensive power will surely increase. It is considerably dangerous, so I think you should not use it against light-equipped people」

「200-fold ! ?」

In the first place, the weight of one gauntlet is no more than 500 grams. Saying 200-fold, since I thought that it would be about 100 kilograms with about this much, but when thinking enough about it, it might be considerably brutal. Since it is like swinging a 100 kilogram hammer.

Neglecting my thoughts, the general faces big wall of rock and takes a stance. Lowering the back, he pulled his right hand. With taking a step which looked like a flash, he strikes the wall of rock with his hand.

「Impact ! 」

The moment hand hit the rock, the wall of rock smashed up into small pieces in front of our eyes. .... No one other than me could make it, but isn't this power a little bit over the top.

「Fumu ! this thing is nice! it seems like I will be saved should I encounter magic beasts or heavy infantry」

Maa, I think if it is general, he won't make a mistake with using it.

「After that, with key-phrase [Stun Mode], there will be paralysis effect, and with [Burning Mode] it will be supplemented with flame bestowment. With [Mode Off] it will revert back to the normal state」

「Ooh, have you attached a flame bestowment as well? As [Fire Fist Leon], I am grateful」

General smiles, looking delighted. Immediately with [Burning Mode] the fist becomes clad in flame, and he begins to do shadow boxing. Was he satisfied with this much? Turning off this mode he once again gazed at gauntlets.

「Well, it is terrific. I was also surprised when Lyon showed me his sword, but Touya-dono, couldn't you make a living as a first-class weapons craftsman?」

「Right now, there is no such intention」

That's because if one makes a mistake in usage of weapons, an unthinkable consequences will be produced. Making them for acquaintances sounds about just right. Therefore I don't particularly take money for them as well. And, when I convey that, I'm told「That won't do, after that I will send a corresponding payment」and since it is not money, I decided to accept it. If it something like food, I will be grateful.

Defeating Lyon-san immediately..... Or rather, wanting to train with him, we moved to the training field in royal palace.

While general was clanging his gauntlets on each other, he went to search for his son looking joyful. Lyon-san, forgive me...

I accomplished my goal as well, and when I thought that I should return come, in the corner of the training field I discovered a familiar face. It is Will and Neil-san. Are they doing a morning training?

Will starts to slice at Neel-san, but being lightly dodged, with being tripped, he is knocked down.

「Because the opponent is a swordsman, do not be cautious solely of his sword ! The attack can still come from any place ! Be sure not to break your stance ! 」

「Ha, Haii !」

Hohou. They are working quite hard. Placing my elbow on fence of training field, I watch the two people's fight. If I were to compare it with the one from before, Will's movement are becoming skillful as well. It seems that Neil-san is training him seriously. That way, he might enter the Knight Order for real.

「Are, Touya?」

「N? Elsie?」

Elsie, who finished with army's training, while wiping the sweat with towel came this way.

「What's the matter, this early in the morning. You wake up around the time I

usually come home, and yet...」

If it is the way she said this, do I not look like a good-for-nothing husband? You guys are simply way too early, I think.

「I was waken up by general, you know. He had me make him a weapon」

「Hmmm」

Accurately speaking, I was waken up by Rosetta's kiss, but I will be silent about that. There is no need to unnecessarily add oil to the flames.

「That's right, Touya. If you coming back home after this with [Gate], would you rather go to [Silver Moon] ? I want to enter the hot springs!」

Elsie started rapidly talking about such a thing. About [Silver Moon], we went to the hot springs a few times with everyone. Certainly, we did the morning bath as well. Becoming sticky with sweat, I can understand Elsie's feelings, I think.

「Then, Shall we go?」

「Yes !」

Opening the [Gate], to the city of Leaflet, we come out in front of [Silver Moon]. Elsie quickly enters the store interior, and calls out to Mika-san who is at reception desk. Tentatively, since this hot spring is being [ loaned ] by me, the fees are not taken from us.

「Then, I'm going in」



「Take your time~」

Elsie cheerfully receives the wash tools and bath towel from the counter and disappears in the direction of women's bath. Since I am not covered in sweat, I don't have a desire to enter.

Talking with Mika-san for a short while, I heard about things like the latest events and whether there are defects and the like with the hot springs. Guest's entering is a considerably good as well, and it seems that rather than lodging, the bathing fees are more profitable as well.

「Oya, long time no see」

「Are, Zanakku-san? Are you here for bath from the morning?」

Coming from the men's hot spring and having placed a towel on his head, the owner of [Fashion King Zanakku] appeared.

「No, since it is something that can be done here, or rather, if I don't come in the morning and evening, my mood worsens. I have already become a regular patron」

Zanakku-san laughs clatteringly. That might be so, I guess. At any rate, it is because the effect of [Recovery] is being fused together with hot water. It is impossible that the mood will worsen.

And yet somehow, it has a strange feeling similar to being drugged. It doesn't mean that it is a bad thing though.

「That reminds me, I have completed one more design of clothes, which I received from you. I think that it came out considerably good 」

「Houhou」

As I heard the story, I got excited with feeling of making a trifling mischief. Receiving the cooperation of Mika-san as well, I decided to have Zanakku-san sell me that completed clothes. This will be enjoyable.

—————Scene-Change—————

「And, this is?」

「That's right. It is a present from me」

Elsie pinches a little the hem of the clothes she changed into. On the side of red stand-up collar clothes there is a slit. It is a so called mandarin dress. Moreover, it is only a short china mini. Of course, underneath it she is wearing spats. A few shoes with high heels were prepared. By the way, as for the clothes size I had Mika-san take care of that.



As I thought, it suits her. With her being a melee fighter, it suits her all the more.

「Yes, it suits you. Cute」

「Wha~, what are you say ! Arbitrarily replacing the clothes, mou !」

Having her face become red, Elsie casts her eyes down. It is also quite a shy facial expression. In that, she is the same as Lindsey.

It was like that at the time with Gothic Loli clothes as well, but for some reason despite liking to wear cute clothes, Elsie doesn't try to wear them. As for me, I was under impression that they didn't suit her. Therefore, it is necessary to make the situation so that she cannot help but to wear the clothes even if it is against her own will.

Therefore requesting Mika-san, after confiscating Elsie's clothes, she placed those clothes instead. Though at first she was angry, it seems like she is pleased with received gift.

「Will you be able to accept it?」

「...Un... thank you.....」

When I am told such a thing with upturned eyes, I guess it cannot be helped that I want to embrace her closely!

Since there are people here, it is unreasonable though! Kuu, if only I had more courage !

Having placed the clothes she changed from before into the bag, we leave them behind in [Silver Moon].

When we come outside, is it that she is not accustomed to shoes, Elsie who seems do not walk easily is clinging to my arm.

「For~, for a little while to stay as it is... fine.....?」

Of course there is no reason to refuse. Such soft things are being in contact with my arm.

It is the early bird which gets the worm. Today seems to be a good day.

# Arc 13: Disturbance of Imperial Capital

## Chapter 91: The Empire, and The female knight

[Somehow recently, the movements of the empire are strange]

After completing the quest in the guild together with Yae, Logan-san whom we encountered unexpectedly at the coffee shop said this thing.

[What do you mean by strange?]

[How do I say it ..... it is strange. The Empire splits their troops into an Army and Knight Order like Belfast. The Army is for invading and defending against other countries, and the Knight Order is for defending the Imperial Capital and Royal Palace. Recently, there is seems to be conspicuous war potential reinforcement in the Army, but right now the Empire isn't openly hostile]

[Will they try to the invade a country somewhere?]

Yae who was setting next to me faced Logan-san and asked him, but the one who answered wasn't Logan-san, but Rebecca-san who was together with him.

[That's not it. In the Empire right now, it is said that the emperor lies down with illness. The crown prince who is the next emperor in line is not even twenty years old and, frankly speaking, he still lacks the ability to shoulder the empire. There will be no profit even if they start a war now, I think]

So the emperor is sick, isn't he? Even if the country is in mess, is it somehow unreasonable for them to invade other countries?

I wonder if they won't come to this side at least. Belfast has formed alliances with Rifurizu Empire to the west and Misumido Kingdom to the south. The current Empire doesn't seem to have the power to fight against three countries at same time right now.

[After the Emperor passes away, won't the Empire be worried about being invaded by other countries ~gozaro.....?]

Belfast doesn't have such intentions, but they were the opponents at war approximately 20 years ago. It is not strange for them to be cautious.

Besides, there is Rodomea Federation to the east of the Empire as well, and Ramisshu Holy Kingdom who are not friendly with the Empire.

[I think every country knows as well that there is no profit picking a fight with the Empire at the current situation. No, perhaps if Belfast, Rifurizu, Misumido, Rodomea, Ramisshu, together invade the Empire, they might win easily]

[After that they might have considerable troubles on how to divide Empire territory though]

Logan-san answer while laughing. Well, should the sparks come this way, they will be brushed off though.

Parting with the two people, when we stopped by [Moon Read], I received a request for goods commission. I was on alert in case it was that sort of thing again, however this time it was a serious mystery and adventure thing. Only, I was caught a little that this book publication also in that Empire though. And I



heard the story just a while ago.

[Well, it is not like something will particularly happen, maybe I should go quickly and buy it. What about you, Yae?]

[Since Lindsey-dono appears to be on second floor, I will invite her to go home ~degozaru. The snacks time is soon ~degozaru]

Recently, it appears Lindsey reads books here when she has some free time. Well, she seems to be reading historical ones among other ones though nowadays.

If left alone, because it is quite possible that she will stay like that throughout the day, I ask Yae to accompany her when she goes home.

Now then, shall I go to Imperial Capital?

I open [Gate] behind the shop, and move to the Imperial Capital [Gararia].

—————Scene Change—————

[W... what on earth is this.....?]

What suddenly appeared in front of me was row of houses burning brightly and sparks flying around. For a moment, I thought it was a fire, but it seems something different. The flames were going up everywhere in the Imperial Capital, the people were running trying to escape. What!? What occurred here?

I used [Gravity] on my body to make myself light, and strengthened it with

[Boost]. And then I instantly jumped, and landed on the roof of a building.

[OI Oi.....]

What I saw up from there was the normal citizens trying to run away, and soldiers of the army in black uniform who were ignoring them and heading towards the castle. And trying to prevent and block their way were the Knights in black armor. Sword fights started here and there. Wait a minute, this is.....

Scream rose close by. When I ran on the roof and came to the actual scene, two soldiers wearing black uniforms cornered one black knight. The knight was bleeding from top of the shoulder, looks like he can no longer use his left hand.

I don't really understand what is going on but I should stop them in any case. It is impossible for me to see a murder and remain silent.

I get down behind the soldiers, face the two people who turn around in surprise, and launch paralysis bullets.

[Gu wa!?]

[Gu fu!?]

The soldiers quickly fell down. The injured knight who saw that lost balance in his knees and collapsed.

[Are you alright!?]

Using healing magic, the wound was cured. The wound was healed, but it

seems his consciousness was faint. There was no focus on his eyes. Probably lost too much of blood.

[What on earth happened!?!]

[The Army...Rebelled against the Emperor.....]

The knight said this that and lost consciousness.

Saying that the army rebelled against the emperor..... OI Oi, is this a coup d'état!?

For now, I carry the knight on my shoulder, and carry him to nearby house. There was no one inside the house though, probably they have run away, I think. I laid him on the bed and applied more healing magic in advance. With this I don't think he will die.

I left the house, and went up to the roof again. I have to judge the situation first.

[Search. Eh~, display the army and knights in different colors]

『...Search End. Displaying. Red ones are 12654 Army people, Blue ones are 1165 Knights people』

Roughly ten times larger?..... Isn't this totally absurd?? Displayed in the map in front of me, red indication is for Army, blue indication is for Knights. The screen has been dyed in red.

Now then, what should I do? In any case it is different country, there is

probably no need for me to meddle. I can return to Belfast leaving it like this, and end it with just reporting about that, but.....

[But I can't walk out with such excuse.....]

In a case like this, I wonder what is the purpose of the guys who staged the coup d'état. Since it is a rebellion against the emperor therefore, the Emperor's neck, maybe?

[Shall I try heading to the castle? Maybe I can offer asylum in Belfast to the Emperor if I meet him]

But wasn't the emperor sick if I am not mistaken? Well, I can move him with the bed if it comes to that.

I dash through the roofs. As I approach the castle, I catch the sight of the knights and army soldiers, battle is going around there. I shake free from it, and keep running toward the castle.

I don't know the circumstances of this country. Perhaps the righteous army revolted against the evil Emperor, such a scenario is not totally impossible either. Honestly, is it better for me to stop this coup d'état? or is it better to leave it as it is? I can't decide.

For now if the Emperor suddenly disappear, the fighting may settle down, it will be also possible to talk with the guys who started the coup d'etat later. I can't think of anything else for now.

[tto. Is this the castle gate?]

The castle gate has already been broken, the army has already invaded the castle. Should I hurry?

When I thought of such thing, one corner of the castle exploded. What is it!?

Several fireballs are shot from where it exploded. Magic? It has become even more dangerous with this.

I jump over the castle gate, and fly into the balcony of the second floor. From the balcony I slipped inside the castle.

[Now then, I don't where is the Emperor's room though.....]

Let's also search for it..... It is meaningless if I myself can't judge which one is the Emperor's room. Though if it is something like a [Throne] I will likely get a hit.

It's no use getting myself worried. Let's go out of this room first.

Should I say as expected of the Emperor's Castle? As soon as I opened the gorgeous door in the corner of the room and pulled it, the person rolled inside.

[Uoa!?!]

The person who came rolling was a female knight. Apparently she was leaning against the door. Though she was exhausted and wasn't moving, there was determination in her eyes, the eyes looked like they were asking me [Who are

you?]

Though she doesn't look like she was injured anywhere, hidden behind a semi-long blonde hair, something like a needle was stuck on the back of her neck. When I carefully removed it and hold it up in front of my eyes, it seemed to be painted with something. Is it perhaps a poison? That's bad, I have to heal her.

[I am going to heal you now, however, since I am not an enemy, please don't cut me?]

I do brief introduction just in case, and focus magic power.

[Recovery]

The female knight is wrapped in soft light. Soon she gets up, and confirms that she can move by opening and closing her hand, she suddenly pulls the two swords in her waist, and swings them at me. Cho~! This is different from the agreement!?

[Gravity!]

[Gufuu!~]

I immediately grabbed her arm and invoked weight magic, but because I was panicked I made mistake on holding back, the crumbled female knight grovels on the ground like that, it seems she is not able to move a finger. I make the weight a little lighter, and talk to her while she is crouching down as she was before.

[Even though I said I am not an enemy, why did you try to cut me down?]

[Who are you?! If you are not one of the knights, then you are probably with the army! If you are with the army, then you are an enemy! Therefore, I will cut you!]

[TL: she is speaking formal polite language]

Huh? Is she stupid, this person? My story not getting to her.

[First, I am not with the army. I am not even wearing the army uniform. Second, if I was with the army there was no need for me to help you]

[Come to think of it.....]

[Or rather I should say, I am not a person from the Empire. I am Mochizuki Touya. An adventure from Belfast, I encountered this rebellion when I accidentally came to the Imperial Capital. As for why I sneaked into the castle, it is because I thought maybe I can help his Majesty the Emperor and important people to escape from this country]

Listening to my explanation, the expression of the female knight changed. From doubt to hope.

[Transfer magic..... Is that really true? If it is true, I beg you, please lend me your strength!]

[That's is fine, however please don't attack me again?]

[I understand. I vow on my double swords]

When I cancel [Gravity] and she stands up, while doing gentle jumps she moves her body. She sheaths her two swords, and faces toward me.

[Touya-san, was it. I am Caroline Ritto. Please call me Carol. I belong to the third Imperial Knight Order, a second class knight]

Even if you say something like a second class I don't really get it, but for now I nod. At that time, the crest drawn at the handle of the sword caught my eyes. Gryphon and shield, twin sword with laurel tree.....Oh? Where.....?

[TL: read chapter 52 if you don't remember]

Without having time to confirm that, we dashed through the castle with Carol-san leading us. The corpses of knights and army were lying here and there, the area is filled with the smell of blood.

Isn't this really bad.....? If they got invaded up to here, the probability of his Majesty the Emperor being safe was low.

While moving ahead following Carol-san, I imagined the worst-case scenario.



## Chapter 92: The Empire's Princess and the Demon

I ran up the stairs with Carol-san in the lead, and before long we reached a large hall. Carol-san tried to run straight through but I stopped. I heard the faint scream from somewhere.

I strained my ears. I heard the snarls of the soldiers and explosions in the distance. There were the sounds of weapons mixed in but I could definitely hear it, a woman's... no a girl's voice.

「Search! A young girl, and anyone that presently trying to hurt her within a 100 meter radius!」

『...Search End. Displaying』

There it is. In a room at the far end of this one!

I kicked the door open and similarly kicked the next one.

When the door blew open, there was a silver haired girl that was being ridden by uniformed service man that was holding her neck that was going to shove a dagger in her at any moment.

「Guhoa!?!」

Surprised at my intrusion, a paralysis bullet struck the man who hesitated at my surprise entrance. That was dangerous! If I had been even a little later she would have been killed.

The man collapsed due to the spell on top of the girl.

「Hii!？」

The girl shoved the man off and escaped from under him while holding onto herself trembling. It's not impossible. She was almost killed after all.

「Are you alright?」

I made my voice as gentle as possible to help calm her down. The girl realizes that and looks at my face for the first time.

She had a pair of deep jade eyes, and porcelain white skin, she had disheveled silvery hair, dressed in white silk. Is she about Yumina's age? To do that to such a small child, what trash.

If you look closely you could see it was torn up everywhere, there was even a cut in her arm. If I don't do something about it quickly then it's going to leave a scar.

「Come forth light, tranquil healing, Cure heal」

She look frightened in the beginning for a moment at my aid spell but as the soft warm light healed the wound on her own arm then her reaction changed to one of astonishment.

「A...you are?」

「I'm Mochidzuki Touya. I'm an adventurer. I have nothing to do with the army, ok?」

I said that so that I wouldn't be attacked like I was with Carol-san, just to be safe.

「Mochizuki, Touya-sama.....」

「Can you stand?」

「Yes.....」

She hold out her hand to help her to stand up. Huh? It might be after the fact but she isn't a normal girl. She's wearing some considerably first class clothing. Could it be..... Huh?

I meet the girl's eyes. She is... fixedly staring at me.



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Wait a second, this feels like déjà vu. With a blush the girl opens her mouth as

she steals glances at me.

「.....do you dislike younger ones...?」

Uoi! That was exactly what Yumina said isn't it!? What is with this?! I had just begun to think about what a problem it was going to become when someone else kicked in the door and jumped in.

「Princess!」

「Carol?」

The one that jumped into the room was Carol-san. She rushed over to the girl. As I thought. She's the Princess of the Empire.

「Are you safe!? ...Who is this?」

Carol-san send a dubious glance at the army person who has collapsed on the floor.

「He was here to kill me. I was saved by Touya-sama」

「My word...! To kill the princess! Unforgivable! Let's kill him!」

「Oioi!」

Carol-san pulled out her sword to give the finishing blow to the man who was unconscious. She hurriedly grabbed him by the neck and pulled back. What a troublesome person this is!

「It was the princess, no wonder the feeling was naturally different」

While dragging out Carol-san I spoke to the Princess of the empire. I thought it was like that though.

「Regulus Empire's third princess, Rushia Lea Regulus.....You don't seem very surprised Touya-sama, do you? Usually people's attitude changes when they realize I am an imperial princess」

「I'm acquainted with two other princesses besides you. It's something you get used to, to some degree」

One is a sooner or later fiancé, and the other is a dangerous author.

「You know that many princesses...just who are you?」

This time Carol-san was the one with the surprised face that looked at me. Even if you were to ask who I am... I don't even really understand what my position is. I am part of Belfast's staff and at the same time I am not. Even if I marry Yumina, I don't really want to be king.

「Well, I will explain about myself later. Shall we go for now? I can send Princess Rushia on ahead if you prefer」

「I see.....」

The female knight thinks. Where to run away to? But the person in question refused.

「I do not mind going later. I'm more worried about Father and older brother.

Let's go together」

Rushia-hime says these things bravely. N- it is dangerous. Well, I should probably take her with me to hear the stories of the Emperor and the crown prince. For the time being I will have her take refuge at my house and then talk about it.

I left Rushia-hime's guarding to Carol and took up the perimeter guard position. We returned to the hall where I had separated from Carol-san and we continued onward.

「The people that need to be evacuated are just the Crown prince and Emperor right?」

「For the time being. If possible the Prime minister and aides if possible」

Carol-san answers as we run through the corridors. Huh? Which reminds me, Rushia-hime said she is the third princess, but where are her older sisters?

I asked about it, but the first princes had already married another royal family in a different country and the second imperial princess was studying abroad. They were in countries that were amicable with the Empire for the time being. But depending on the situation with the Empire from now on is what I don't know. If they're deposed by the coup then they may be demanded to be turned over.

We ran through the corridor, and turning the corner, 5 doors down, stood 5 soldiers waiting with swords drawn.

「It's Rushia-hime! Capture her! No, just kill her!」

The soldiers turned their swords toward us in unison.

「How dangerous」

I pulled out Brynhild and shot everyone with paralysis bullets. Dododododo went the report of the gun and the soldiers fell one after the other. Yes, thanks for the good work.

「You killed 5 of them so quickly.....」

「Don't say it like that. I only paralyzed them. Forget that, the emperor is beyond here?」

I replied to Carol-san who was blank with surprise, and asked Rushia-hime.

「Yes, the room ahead is father's bedroom. He is ill so I have not been able to enter very much」

「Is it an infectious disease?」

「No.....He's emaciated so I think he doesn't want me to see it often. I have heard that he is very weak as well.....」

I see. But what to do.....With the enemy having invaded this far, there are probably enemies within as well. Honestly it is highly possible that he has already been done in. I wonder about showing a father's corpse to a child this young.....

Did she see my hesitation, Rushia-hime grasped my sleeve very tightly.



「I've prepared myself. Still though, if I don't see father for myself, I think I will surely regret it. Therefore.....」

If you have that much determination then I can say nothing to it. I steeled myself and threw the door open.

Inside the considerably wide, luxurious room, there was a king-size bed. There were several men standing in the room, and all turned toward me.

The result was they were in army uniforms, there were 3 normal soldiers as well as 2 officer class people, as well as a single general. There were several corpses in the room, they were wearing armor, so they were probably guard knights.

In the middle there was an elderly person who was lying in bed. Were we too late.....?

「Who are you? You don't appear to be with the knights?」

The general looking person asked. He gives off the image of a falcon with sharp looking eyes and hooked nose. About 40 I'd say?

「General Bazuru! Did you lay your hands on the Emperor!?!」

「...Father.....!」

Behind me, Carol-san was enraged and I could hear the gasp of Rushia-hime. General huh? I wonder if he's the perpetrator of the coup.

「Why if it isn't Rushia-hime and Ritto house's stupid daughter? How strange, I ordered you both to be killed as soon as you were found」

The Empire's general gives off a perverted laugh. As I thought, she's stupid one after all? I gave a fleeting glance at Carol-san.

「You're the mastermind of this riot? I'm asking tentatively, why did you do this?」

I ask General Bazuru to his face. In the end I'm an outsider. Not knowing the situation, I can't decide who to ally with.

「The Emperor has an illness, the one in his heart. He signs a non-aggression pact with Belfast and Rodomea, he hesitates to destroy the pacts and invade both countries immediately.....Before, His Majesty would do things without hesitation. The illness of age is a frightening one」

「...So just for that you're going to kill him?」

「The Emperor must always be strong. If he loses this qualification then he must descend the stage. A new emperor must be installed and build a new empire」

How unneeded. Usurpation. That's just taking over the country isn't it? At least in the mind of the general, he and not the emperor has more charisma. Otherwise he wouldn't have raised a revolt.

The ill emperor with no future, and an unreliable crown prince. Compared to a general overflowing with strong ambition. It's needless to say who has the stronger voice.

Even still, annul the non-aggression pact? These guys intend on going to war with Belfast?

「Belfast and the nearby Misumido, and Rifurizu are in an alliance, do you really think you can defeat all 3 countries at once?」

「We can. Do you think we sat on our hands for the past 20 years after the non-aggression pact was signed?」

General Bazuru stretches his right hand toward the window, and begins concentrating magic. This guy can use magic? Moreover, what is this magic.....?

It's huge. It's bigger than any other wizard I've met until now. What is that? My body feels heavy.....?

「Come forth darkness, I wish for a duke of demons, Demons lord」

General Bazuru recited the chant and one of the windows blows out, and the area is enveloped in a flash. When the light disappears, in its place the sight of a huge demon appears that was as tall as 3 stories.

## Chapter 93: Imbibe Demon's Bracelet and the Defense Bracelet

It had the head of a goat and the wings of a bat, with the upper half as that of a trained man and the lower half of an owl.

What is that.....? Is that also some kind of beast summons? The said Demon lord is a demon? It certainly looks demonic.

(ed: 'demon lord' is written with katakana, and 'lord' with kanji')

「No way... to make a contract with that size of demon, what kind of compensation did it require.....? And just where does the magic to maintain it come from.....」

Rushia-hime mumbles while trembling with fear. That's true. Unlike with lizardmen, silver wolves, skeletons, it was that much different of the being. Just how much magic does the general have?

「It was easy to form a contract with the demon. Sacrifices. Criminals of the imperial capital were offered as sacrifices. Though the emperor opposed it. If you can summon a first class demon then you can summon lower class demons freely as well. After that, if you give sacrifices to it then the contract will be complete. If you do it this way then you can summon an entire demon army. And the magic」

General Bazuru rolls up the sleeve over his right arm and showed us the equipped bracelet to us. The red gem that was installed, shone brightly. That is...an artifact?!

「This 「Imbibe Demon's bracelet」 has the effect of absorbing magic from others. It's been absorbing the magic from everyone here little by little, making it the food for the Demons lord」

It's absorbing magic? So that's why I felt a heavy a little while ago? Or should I say, isn't this bad? If I stay here then more and more magic is likely to be taken.

Rushia-hime and Carol-san who were nearby, were on their knees. If their magic is absorbed does consciousness fade?

The magic that had been absorbed from me had already been recovered but I don't have the composure to use 「Transfer」 on these two.

Then I can't do anything but eliminate the cause?

「Aport!」

I tried to use magic to pull the 「Imbibe Demon's bracelet」 away. But something surrounded the general and the bracelet didn't move.

「Mu? Bastard, you still have magic? Well in any event magic won't work on me. Why do you think I made a contract with a demon?」

The general indicated towards the huge demon who was hovering outside the broken wall with his bat wings.

「That demon has a special 「magic nullification」 trait. Magic attacks do not

work, nor do effects of special magic spells on objects. As I am the contractor, that same ability is granted to me」

Magic nullification? What a troublesome ability! Meaning I have to rely on physical abilities now.....I pull out Brunhild and reload it with paralysis bullets. If magic doesn't work then these would probably have the greatest chance, I guess.

「Mu?」

The black eyes of the general disregard the gun as I pull the trigger. The gun resounds and the bullet flies straight into the wall, instead of the general's face. What is that!?

「What was that just now? A projectile? But it's too bad. If magic doesn't work then use physical attacks? That won't work either」

The general rolls up his left sleeve and there was another bracelet. It had a red gem set there as well.

「This is the 「Bracelet of defense」. It creates a strong barrier equal to the magic poured into it, and protects me from all physical attacks. I absorb magic with the 「Imbibe demon's bracelet」 and use it for the 「defense bracelet」and nullify physical attacks. This is an invincible defense! Regardless of how many people attack me I will never be hurt!」

Lies, is that possible!? I'm in no position to say it but that's too much of a cheat! And I'm the one supplying the magic!?

Even if I were to use a super-heavy weight class 「Gravity」 attack, my magic would be absorbed by him, and then it would be used to create a barrier of a similar level? Huh? Isn't there a contradiction? No it seems like something else. There are others supplying magic other than just me.

Chi- it's too much of a bother. If I could just do something about that bracelet.....

「I don't know where you're from, but I can't have you return alive. I'll have you become a sacrifice for the Demon's lord」

「...To summon a demon army for war? For that how many of the empire's people do you need to sacrifice?」

「They'll just die in war anyway. To be killed by an enemy or as a sacrifice, there's no difference. Sooner or later the enemy soldiers will be turned into sacrifices as well」

The general laughs and hangs up a gossip. Isn't he just a madman who just wants to play war?

Since earlier I did not understand whether this coup was good or bad, but now I understood it clearly. It is a bad one.

There is no way that it is a good thing to involve unrelated lives for the sake of your desires.

「U.....」

At that moment, the emperor, who was lying on the bed, moved his foot slightly. Could it be, he's alive!?

The general's group didn't seem to realize it. Here it seems that priority should be to saving the emperor's life? The pair that were behind me, having their magic absorbed, seemed to have reached their limit as well.

「Gate」activate. Target – Emperor, Rushia-hime, Carol-san, 3 people.  
Transport them to the garden at home」

『Understood. 「Gate」activating』

「What!?!」

There was light that appeared underneath the three people and they were sucked into the ground and disappeared.

「Bastard, you can use transportation magic!?!」

「Correct. I'll be pulling back for today. Don't think for a minute that I'm going to let things go your way」

I reloaded Brunhild with bullets, different ones. I set it up and aimed at the general.

「Fool...as long as I have the「Bracelet of Defense」I can't be hurt, I said」

「Well, it's not possible to hurt your body. But your pride is another matter」

「.....What?」

While grinning broadly, I lowered the muzzle and aimed at his feet.

「Slip」



「Uoowa!?!」

Sute-n! The general fell splendidly. Even if he is given a hand to stand up he slips and falls again. When I reloaded the magazine I「Programmed」it for a slipping bullet when shot on the floor. Whether it's the hand or foot, the general keeps falling, it's an infinite slipping hell.

「Ge- general!!」

His companions rush up to help him. Retards. The effect of the magic isn't limited to the general alone. The effect is to the ground in the vicinity.

「Uwa!?!」

「Gue!?!」

As usual, they get pulled into the slipping hell, the ones that went to help kept falling down as well. It is pitiful, the barrier bracelet doesn't work so I wonder if some damage will accumulate.

「Kukuku, Keep falling for all eternity! Keep dancing that ungraceful dance!」

I said these things to provoke the general. Well if he were to use the「demon bracelet」to absorb the magic on the floor then he would stop. But I have no obligation to tell him that.

「Demons lord!」

The hand of the goat headed demon extends toward me. Oops that's bad. I

wonder if 「Slip」works on things in the air?

Unlike the general it seems that physical attacks would work on it, but even if I were to defeat it he would probably just call out another demon. Do I smell an opportunity here?

「Farewell gentleman! The iron hammer of Babylon will descend upon you! Wash your necks and wait! Fwahahaha!」

Oops, this might become a habit.

Right before returning I made a 「Mirage」of an unpleasant image. I left them with the image of cockroaches, centipedes, green caterpillars and swarms of other insects crawling on the floor as my parting gift.

「Hii! Hueeee!」

「Bugs! The bugsssss!」

「Bastard! I'll get you for this!」

Fun...『 The laugh of「Take that & that felt good」produced from the bottom of my heart!』 is something that I didn't feel like saying, but the feeling of sour stomach had gone away for sure.

I opened a 「Gate」in the floor, and jumped out of Imperial capital.

=====Scene-Change=====

On the other side of the 「Gate」, when I came out into the garden, Rushia-hime was clinging to the emperor.

「Father! Father!」

Not good, I need to hurry and treat him. Along with Rushia-hime who was squatting down, I held up the emperor's hand.

「Come forth light, Goddess of healing, Mega heal」

The light of advanced recovery magic envelopes the emperor's body and it seems that the piercing wound on his side was closed. This alone was probably not enough.

「Recovery」

I recovered any abnormal states as well as any side effects. Now it's up to the person in question.

Just like that, I transported him to a bed in a guest room. I asked Lyme-san to call for Doctor Raul from the royal palace and then guided Rushia-hime and Carol-san to the room where he had been transported to.

In the meantime until Doctor Raul comes, I give everyone gathered in the living room a rough explanation of the events that transpired in the Empire.

「.....Good grief...Why does Touya keeps sticking his head into these troublesome things, I wonder?」

Elsie sighs exasperatedly. It's not like I thrust my head into them but my head keeps getting thrust into them instead.

「.....Even still for those things to happen in the empire...What happened to the crown prince.....?」

Lindsey muttered, and as for that, I could do nothing but pray for their safety. It would have been better to transport them all at once, but as I didn't know the prince's face I wasn't able to search for him.

「But these certainly are unexpected events. If the Empire were to really attack Belfast.....」

「It's the invasion of the demon army, isn't it. Something needs to be done before that.....」

The easiest way would be to beat General Bazuru..... But as magic had no effect and physical attacks didn't work too, I can't think of anything.

Even if I were to use 「Gate」and drop him from 10 km the 「Defense bracelet」 would nullify the damage. 「Gravity」is a physical attack so it would probably be the same outcome.

Things like 「Slip」and 「Mirage」have an effect too if they aren't directly targeting the person.....Plus my magic kept being absorbed. But, that guy's companions were calm, I wonder if they have something that prevents that. Now then, what to do.....

Even though I say that, how should this be reported to the King? It's a big deal

for the country, there was a coup d'état in the Empire, and there is the possibility of a demon army attack.

But should I or should I not tell him about the emperor and Rushia-hime? There is tentatively a non-aggression pact, but they are former enemies.

What should be done if he says to extradite them? Well, if it comes to that, I can give them shelter in Babylon? It's not as if I've allied with the Empire, but at the very least I have no intention of handing over a severely-traumatized patient.

Lyme-san brought Doctor Raul while I was thinking about these things. Well then, from here on out I should leave it to the professional. I should focus on what to do about that general and the demon.

It might be a little difficult.....N? Huh? Isn't it something rather easy to do? It may take a little time to prepare but..... can I pull it off?

I thought up a good plan. Harassment isn't really my style but, well it can't be helped. I envision the general's crying face. Oops, I was grinning.

Everyone that saw my face drew away. What is it?

## Chapter 94: The Two Princesses, and the Strategy Preparations

「For the time being he's not in critical condition. Now we just have to wait for him to rest and regain his strength. He should regain consciousness soon」

Doctor Raul says while putting his stethoscope on the table. The emperor should definitely have been sick, but he couldn't find any symptoms anywhere. Was it the effect of 「Recovery」? But to remedy that abnormal state with magic is not something that normally could have been done. I once tried it on Lindsey when she had a cold but it didn't work.

There are many uncertain points where 「Recovery」 is concerned. I don't know really how to classify the illnesses because I am not a specialist. Do things like viruses and tumors respond differently? Well I don't really get it but the result was good.

「Even still.....I never thought I would look after the His majesty the Empire's emperor..... Life is an interesting thing」

Doctor Raul says while smiling wryly. I did tentatively have him keep this a secret from the palace. Once the Emperor woke up I would inform the King myself.

From the position of the doctor, it is for the best not to strain the patient, so I was able to get him to consent.

From then Rushia-hime kept nursing her father the entire time. Carol-san was right next to her.

「Rushia-hime. You should probably rest now. If you collapse too then won't you cause him to worry?」

「Yes.....Um can you please call me Rue?」

She fidgets nervously while hesitantly asking with an upturned look. Well if the person in question ask that, then there is no reason to refuse.

「I understand. Rue. Is this good?」

「Yes. This makes me happy」

While Rue says that she smiles. From the gap of the door I notice a glance and see a face peering through it, it was staring straight at me. That scared me! It's Yumina?! Why is she acting like a Peeping tom.....

The door opened and Yumina gracefully entered the room, stood before Rue and gracefully bowed.

「It is a pleasure to make your acquaintance. I am the King of the Kingdom of Belfast, Tryst Wynne Ernes Belfast's daughter, Yumina Ernes Belfast」

When Yumina introduced herself, Rue and Carol-san's eyes were wide in surprise, but before long Rue stands up in confusion and bows similarly.

「Pleased to meet you, Princess Yumina-sama. I am Regulus Empire's Emperor, Zephyrus Roa Regulus's third Imperial Princess, Rushia Rea Regulus」

Oo, this is the greeting of two princesses. With them both being of the same age, they are lovelier rather than beautiful though.

「It was a terrible time. It is wonderful that you are safe」

「Yes. Thanks to the assistance of Touya-sama, it was possible to get out safely」

Rue smiles like a flower beginning to bloom.

「That is wonderful. As Touya-san's fiancée it makes me happy」

「Eh...is, is that so.....?」

Ah, the flower withered. What an honest girl. Yumina had the same reaction back then so even I can imagine what Rue was began to think about me.

「Rushia-sama, would you talk with me for a little while, would you mind coming to my room?」

「? Eeh, I don't mind.....」

Rue follows closely behind Yumina. After the door closes Doctor Raul mutters.

「.....A blood bath isn't it?」

「Please don't say it like that.....」

That's not a joke you can laugh at. Well, I don't think Yumina is someone that would lose her temper and yell something like「Thieving cat!」



「Anyways, doctor, if you are returning to the castle I can send you back using 「Gate」. I will be reporting to the king about the Empire though」

「If that is the case, then I would like to accept your offer」

I left the guarding of the Emperor to Carol-san and we went to the Royal Palace using 「Gate」.

=====Scene-Change=====

「That kind of thing happened in the Empire.....」

I explained the situation to the king and proposed to increase defense against the Empire. If possible a lot of wizards should be sent is what I think. To make it easy to make reports secretly between there and here I made many 「Gate mirrors」

These were pair set mirrors for sending letters mutually connected with [Gate]. In other words if letter was sent through from one, it would appear in another. In other words if one of them was sent to a fort then it would be possible to get it touch immediately via letters with royal capital.

「But it's both a good news/bad news kind of day.....What a day it is」

The His Majesty the King mutters with a sigh. N? I was the one with the bad news, of course. Then what is the good news?

「Aa.....- Yumina will have a little brother or sister」

「Ha?」

He was giving an embarrassed lopsided grin.

「Hee~, Congratulations. It would be good if they were the successor」

This way the likelihood that I will have to succeed the throne of this country will fall. So it's happy for two reasons.

「That makes me feel a little complex. If Touya-dono were to succeed the throne then I would be relieved」

「No no, if a boy is born then they'll succeed won't they?」

「So, you say that if a girl is born you'll succeed this country?」

「No, that reasoning is strange」

The King was throwing it out for argument sake so lightly. Don't commit your child to something strange.

「Anyway, what is the Emperor intending on doing.....?」

「Aa-... He ran away along with the third princess or were killed. It's not something that is very clear」

I returned a vague answer. I want to wait till the emperor has regained consciousness to give a proper explanation.

「For the time being that general raised a revolt and something needs to be done about it. If he is beaten then it can stop the possible invasion of a foreign

nation」

「Hou. You seem pretty confident, do you have a plan?」

「Well, I won't really know until I try」

I left my vague answer and departed from the Royal Palace.

That summoned Demon's Lord only has 「Magic nullification」 applied to it, so I think I can do something with a physical attack. I can't do anything with 「Gravity」 to the demon's body itself but I can probably use it on a really heavy rock overhead and drop it on it.

But, even if the demon is defeated the 「Magic nullification」 probably won't disappear from the general.

If the 「Imbibe Demon's bracelet」 absorbs magic in the area, then it's possible to summon the Demon's lord once again.

Though slight, there is magic in everything from plants, to insects, to animals, for a demon beast it requires a lot of magic. If they feel like it they can absorb magic from anything. It's really a troublesome bracelet.

As for the 「Defensive bracelet」 the bullets are stopped by a barrier or so I thought. The invisible wall only created a partial barrier around the general. It's not as if it's around his entire body. It did nothing to prevent him from falling to the ground. When he was "slipping" it didn't recognize the ground as damage so it did nothing to protect him from that damage so he kept on falling down. Automatic defense is really the issue here.

It looks like I'm going to have to use that method against the general after all.

Seriously.....It's not fun at all. He'll probably hate it, that general. Well it'll probably be better than killing him. Um, it's making me all excited.

For the time being I have to prepare. I returned to my house and asked Clare-san for something that I think exists in this world. Unfortunately there wasn't anything that was the same, there was something that was far more severe it seems. If it can't be dealt with by magic it's really dangerous.

I went to the desert nation of Sandora to buy it, and was tentatively able to obtain it. The old merchant stressed that it not be used right here, so I put it in 「Storage」. I wanted to test it but decided against it. If I were to meet my end here then it would be like putting the cart before the horse.

After that I went to the 「Workshop」 and had Rosetta prepare a thick iron plate and enchanted it with 「Invisible」 so that would be transparent. So it became a transparent strengthened iron plate that was substituted for glass.

Even though it was about 50cm thick the transparency was the same, it's amazing. I could probably make an aquarium.....But it's scary to handle living things.

For the time being I've made what I had intended. It's not something that great and I completed it with 「Modeling」. This too I placed in 「Storage」.

「But the 「Imbibe Demon's Bracelet」 and the 「Defense bracelet」 huh.....」

With her arms crossed, Rosetta tilts her head.

「Do you know something about them?」

「If I remember correctly... there should be artifacts like that in the  
「Warehouse」」

「...What did you say?」

So what? Did the bracelets just float down from the 「Warehouse」 into the general's hands?

「Well 5000 years have passed after all...it is not an absolute that the 「Warehouse」 is safe. There could have been some trouble and from there the artifacts or some other riches fell out of there」

「.....Wait a minute...「The immortal gem」.....It gives the owner the immortal attribute, and is able to manipulate the undead.....」

「Ah, this is also something that came from the 「Warehouse」 as well」

I thought so! The riot in Ishen was due to the interference from the 「Warehouse」 as well!? Then wouldn't this mean that the possibility of the 「Warehouse」 crashing very high? Which means there is the possibility of other artifacts that are floating around out there.....

「Who is the one that is managing the 「Warehouse」?」

「Because we have the teleportation capacity to jump a short distance, it is possible that before the crash they were able to escape..... But because the manager of the 「Warehouse」 was careless I cannot make that assertion」

Is that so.....? Well there's nothing I can do about it right now anyways. It's useless to think about it. Could it be that they survived for over 1000 years on the ground..... No way.

Well the countermeasures have been made. It became night, so I took

Rosetta home and when we returned to the living room, Carol-san spoke to me.

「His Majesty has regained consciousness」

## Chapter 95: Highest-level Talks, and the Empire's 12 Swords

The Emperor regained consciousness? That was pretty quick. According to Carol-san, he had stabilized considerably and it looked like it was safe to talk to him.

With Carol-san following behind me, I entered the room assigned to the Emperor. He was there speaking calmly with his daughter. He really looks to be fine.

「Touya-sama! Father has awoken!」

「.....You are Mochizuki Touya-dono?」

While Rue turns around looking very happy, the Empire's emperor watches me with a quiet expression. With his long white beard and thin face, he gives the impression of a hermit.

「First I would like to express my gratitude. For saving my and Rushia's life, gratitude alone does not suffice.....」

The Emperor bows. It's a little embarrassing.

「Please do not worry. I had come to the Imperial Capital on a shopping trip by chance」

If you look at it, it really was a coincidence. If I had been a day earlier or later then nothing could have been done.

「It saves me to hear you say that. To have a riot in that place at this time. It is truly regrettable.....」

「What do you intend on doing from now on? I have yet to inform Belfast that you are here, if there is someplace you wish to go then I can open a「Gate」and send you there?」

The Emperor looked at me with surprise, he gazed at me closely. What is it?

「Well.....Is Touya-dono not a person of Belfast?」

「I live here so I am a resident of Belfast. I don't particularly serve the country. I am friendly with the king, but it is different when it comes to problems between nations」

I think that if there is a place he wants to go he should apply for asylum there. Like the country where the first princess married or where the second princess is studying abroad?

The Emperor reflected upon it for a little while but...

「No, I would like to meet with the King of Belfast. If possible to speak in secret, how about it?」

「It would probably be alright but.....Is it fine?」

「It's a good opportunity. I want to speak of all the things that have happened, and all the things to come」



N- it's still early in the evening, and the king may have time now. For the time being I should ask Yumina. I left the Emperor's room and went toward Yumina's.

=====Scene Change=====

「.....Sorry, can you say that again?」

「Aa-...Actually I have been giving shelter to the Emperor of Regulus and the third Imperial princess. I am sorry」

Was the King shocked at what I said, he was holding his head. It's a little amusing.

「Regulus' Emperor is in my Capital? Today is just a series of surprises...what's going on!?!」

I can't say anything to that. Even if it has nothing to do with the pregnancy of the queen everything else is probably my fault...well, it's definitely my fault.

「So, the Emperor wishes to meet secretly with the King, what do you wish to do?」

「The Emperor?」

The King sighs deeply, slouches deeply in his chair and interlocks his fingers on his stomach. After thinking for a while, he stands up as if making up his mind.

「I can't run away here. That talk, I'll just go to it」

「Well, shall we move to my house directly」

I use「Gate」in Yumina's room and transport directly into the room that had the Emperor in bed.

The Emperor, who was laying on the bed, was startled by the sudden appearance of the gate and us who pass through it, tried to sit up, and faced the King of Belfast who was directly in front of him. They were silent for a while looking at each other, and after a short time, the Emperor casted his eyes down and lowered his head slightly.

「Please excuse my appearance, King of Belfast. On this occasion it seems that we have caused your country some trouble」

「No, please do not blame yourself very much, Regulus' Emperor. I have heard about the circumstances from Touya-dono」

Saying that, the King sit at the bedside on a chair. The highest-level talks between nations began, and outsiders were supposed to leave. In the room were the King of Belfast, Regulus' Emperor, and their daughters Yumina and Rue, and I left the room.

Out in the hall Carol-san stood as guard. Because she didn't see me coming into the room, when I went out she was surprised, but it seems that she got used to the 「Gate」by now.

「The king of Belfast and Regulus' Emperor are in conference now, so you can't go interfering」

「What!? Just when did that happen!?!」

Carol-san said in surprise, again. She really over reacts to every little thing.

Suddenly, my eyes stop at Carol-san's sword. The crest that was carved on it.....Ah!

「Excuse me, Carol-san. About the crest on that sword.....」

「What about my Ritto family crest?」

She let me see it up close. It's the same after all. As the one on Rene's pendant.

「This crest is the same one as carved on a pendant that I saw」

「! Is it the one set in Wind demon stone!? Where is it!? That person!?!」

Her eye color changes and Carol-san starts to approach me. There seems to be some great reason. Because I don't know the reason, I won't tell her about Rene just yet.

「The owner seems to have died. She was sick」

「I, see.....」

At my words she loses her strength and Carol-san looks at the ground listlessly. Was it that important of a person?

「The owner of that pendant was my older sister. When I was younger, our father was strict and she was sent out of the house, my one and only sister」

It was her older sister huh? No wonder she was desperate. Which means,

Rene is Carol-san's niece? They don't really look alike. Carol is blond, but Rene is a redhead. I wonder if she got it from her father.

「Was the Ritto house a famous noble in the Empire?」

「I don't know if they were famous, but they were tentatively on the lowest seat of the 12 swords of the empire」

「12 swords of the empire?」

「Belfast probably hasn't heard much of anything about them but, in the Empire they're the 12 people that supported the first generation emperor who founded the nation. One of those is our 「Twin swords of Kiru Ritto」 ancestor. Well right now the 12 swords of the empire are really nobles in name only.....」

Saying that Carol-san laughs sadly. Impoverished nobles...not quite that bad, they just don't have that great of a role in the Empire. Lyme-san didn't even know about the house crest after all.

「I see...older sister passed away...? Even until father passed away they still fought and never reconciled, it was something he regretted.....I wonder if they reconciled on the other side...」

「Aa, .....About your older sister. Actually there is one daughter. That child is here right now.....」

「.....Eh?」

Carol-san's eyes popped and she became speechless. Did the sudden news of her sister passing away, and her memento being here suddenly disturb her?

And whether it was good or bad timing, Rene had just came running into the hall.

「Touya-onii-.....Dannasama, dinner is ready」

「Ah, thank you Rene. I'll take it later」

To the guest, Carol-san, and myself, she gave a short bow and returned to the corridor. Carol-san followed after her with her eyes. After Rene disappears Carol-san returns her glance toward me.

「It's that child. Her name is Rene. Before coming here she was pick-pocketing in the slums」

「That can't be.....!」

「She had to do that to survive. Her father was an Adventurer that didn't return from a demon beast subjugation. She has been carefully keeping her mother's precious pendant all this time」

Carol who had been looking at me glanced back at the corridor.

「.....I would like to speak to that child, would it be alright?」

「I can call her for you if you wish?」

「No, right now the Empire is such a state right now, I want it to settle down for a while. She seems to be relatively happy here. However I would like her to see mother someday. This child.... she has different eyes and hair color, but her looks are that of my elder sister」

By Carol-san's mother she means Rene's grandmother? I hope that she gets to introduce her someday.....

While thinking about that Yumina peers inside the hall.

「Touya-san, Father and the Emperor are calling for you」

「For me?」

What could it be? I left because I thought I was going to be an intrusion between countries.

Inside were the Emperor on the bed, and beside him was the King sitting on the chair. Both had calm faces. Did the talks end?

「Touya-dono, about the talk this afternoon?」

「This afternoon?」

Did I say something? I tilted my head at the King's words.

「About doing something about General Bazuru.....? Can you really do something?」

The Emperor supplies after the king had spoken. Aa, that?

「Something, or rather, I think I can defeat the general. I can make the other servicemen powerless, it is possible to suppress the Imperial Capital even tomorrow」

「「「Wa-!!」」」

Everyone except for Yumina were stiff in surprise. Yumina alone puffed up her tiny chest as if it was natural.....it's still in the process of growing.

「Just, I want to ask something, for the servicemen that joined the rebellion, do you intend on capital punishment for everyone?」

「No, it was begun with the general, as the mastermind his execution is unavoidable, however as the servicemen who participated in the action, I intend on only banishing them from the Imperial Capital」

Dismiss the rest. Well that's appropriate. It's about half the entire army so it can still be recovered.

「Display map. Regulus Teikoku Imperial Capital」

『Understood. Displaying map』

The map of the Imperial Capital appears in the center of the room.

「Wh- what is this!?!」

「It's the map of the Imperial Capital.....This detailed.....」

「This is my no-attribute magic. Convenient isn't it?」

Isn't it something important, it was the feeling the surprised Emperor and Rue gave off. The king was impressed though. Hadn't I shown it to him before?

「Search. Knights in blue, Army in Red」

『Understood...Search end. Displaying』

In an instant the red points extend throughout the Imperial Capital. It feels like the number has increased since earlier today. I wonder if they were summoned from other towns. There is a blue point in one corner of the castle.

「This is?」

「.....The underground prison. The remaining knights are probably there. But not all of them. So few. Did the others run away, or were they killed.....」

The Emperor bitterly grips his fist in frustration. Seeing that Rue asks me.

「Umm, Touya-sama. Could you look for Older brother?」

「Well.....It's not like I can't but... Does the crown prince have any distinct features? Is he someone that you would notice right away as the Crown Prince?」

I did a [search] once more, for what I would judge to be one. I was able to search for servicemen because they were wearing service uniforms so I was able to judge them as 「Servicemen」

But there were no hits. If he had something like 「a sword wound on the cheek」like Yae's older brother, I would recognize it at once.

「A feature...is it? U...m He has silvery hair.....huh? Feature...feature.....」

Rue was thinking. Upon seeing that the Emperor smiles wryly. He really has a normal face. It can't be helped. Might as well get a memory.

「Rue. Stick out your hand a for a little bit」

「? Hai.....? Ah.....」



I grasped the small hand that was being held out. Rue's face reddens at once, I speak as much as possible to calm her down.

「Close your eyes and imagine your brother. As most recently as possible」

「Ha, hai」

I put my forehead to Rue's who was concentrating. Honestly, I could take a memory from the Emperor but if possible I don't want to press foreheads with another guy. I can't imagine what Rifurizu imperial princess author would write.

「Fuwawa!？」

「Concentrate」

「Ha, hai!」

The bewildered Rue is likable, I concentrate magic here and activate it.

「Recall」

An absentminded face comes to mind, the image gradually becomes clearer. He doesn't have silvery hair too, he's a gentle looking youth...huh?

「If this person is the Crown Prince...I've met him before.....?」

「「「「Eh!？」」」」

I retrieved the memory while the four people were surprised. That's right. When the Imperial Capital was being attacked, it was when the knight was being surrounded by the soldiers. That was the crown prince? Was that his

disguise to run away!?

.....Crap, I just left him there.

## Chapter 96: The Rushed Contract and the Declaration of War

「Search. Crown Prince of the Empire」

『Understood....Search complete. Displaying』

A green pin fell in a corner of the Imperial Capital. Because it seems to be moving a little, it appears he survived. That's great.

「He appears to be alive..... Where is this?」

「The Empire's Western direction's commander, Romelo's residence.....I see, the prince seems to be safe」

He's safe with the army? While I was thinking that, the Emperor laughed as if reading my thoughts and answered.

「Not all of the army in the Imperial Capital serve under Bazuru. General Romelo is a general that was opposed to the plan to use demons as an army to invade. He probably read the situation and gave the Crown prince refuge」

I see. It's not as if all the soldiers are following Bazuru blindly. There seem to be a good shelter for now, but there is not much time left, huh?

「Then tomorrow morning we will go to the Imperial Capital?」

「Wa- please wait! It may be after the fact but is it really alright!? The opponent are 10k soldiers or more and they can summon a demon army you

know!? For you by yourself.....!」

The emperor panics as he tries to stop me. Well, if it's a normal person then it wouldn't work. But I don't intend on losing. It was like that in Ishen, did I get used to this?

「It'll workout somehow. Because I have companions」

I glanced at Yumina as she nodded strongly.

「.....Tomorrow morning. Would you take me with you to the Imperial Capital?」

「Won't that be dangerous? Wouldn't it be better to wait here.....」

「No, I have to see the end of this personally. That is the least I can do as Emperor」

Un, what can be done...? We can't just go off and leave the Emperor here, but that being said we can't have him be on the front lines either.....

「Let's have Belfast's knight squadron be guards for the Emperor. I wish to see Touya-dono's fighting style for myself」

The King offers, and it was accepted. If it's that then it might be fine.

It was decided that, tomorrow morning, the Emperor along with several knights would come with us to the Imperial Capital.

I used 「Gate」to send the King back to the Royal palace, and then left the Emperor's room afterwards.

I went out to the terrace and called out Kohaku, Kuroyou, and Sango, and tried asking them about summoning magic.

「Well the object that is summoned appears is random, but if you call and contract a higher being from a family, you are freely able to call for a lower level being of the same family?」

『Yes. As you are my contracted master, you are essentially able to summon any brute beasts』

『In my case you are able to summon any of the shelled or scaled beasts』

After listening to Kohaku and Kuroyou's stories, So basically I can call for any 4 legged mammals or any scaled reptile-like demon beasts.

『Tentatively, it is necessary to make a contract with each race. If you give the chief a name, then that race will become your arms and legs. They aren't demons or mysterious things』

Sango says while laughing. Well, I don't intend on working any of them like a horse.

「Well let's give it a try for now? Um.....what is there?」

『Let me see, Cerberus has a very high fighting ability?』

Ah, I know that one. He is hell's watchdog. A large black, three headed dog? Well let's give him a try.

That day I called out and named many demon beasts, I wish they would forgive me for the random names I gave them towards the end. Since I don't have a stock of them, you know....

Well, let's go to bed in preparation for tomorrow.

=====Scene-Change=====

The next morning, we entered a corner Imperial Capital on one of the rooftops.

I took out the smartphone and confirmed that it was just after 8am. We tried to jump straight to the Castle but as expected there was a magic barrier. Did they put it up as a counter plan to my teleportation magic?

The personnel included myself, along with Elsie, Lindsey, Yae, Yumina, Kohaku, Sango, and Kuroyou. Along came the Emperor and the King of Belfast, General Leon, Vice General Niel, and 10 people from the Belfast's army and knight squad. Lastly, Rue, who I didn't want to bring, as well as her guard Carol-san.

For the time being everyone other than the guild members were on standby. Just in case there was the need to run away, I left the 「Gate」fixedly opened in this place. It was programmed to close 1 minute after someone passed through it so the enemies wouldn't invade through it. Well, I don't really think I would allow that to happen though.

「Now then how about a declaration of war first? Etto, replay the first video in

the middle of the Imperial Capital's sky」

『Understood. Replaying』

A large screen appears suddenly in the middle of the sky of the Imperial Capital. About 200 meter's is big enough? Even from this distance it was easy to understand. I don't know about close up though.

Along with the image there was some really loud music. With this it should catch the attention of all the residents in the Imperial Capital. It was Wagner's 「Flight of the Valkyries」.

(tl: really?)

(ed: that is sooo out of place).

The volume was gradually reduced. And the image of the Emperor appears on the screen. It was a video recorded earlier this morning.

『This is a notice to the people of the Imperial Capital. I am Regulus Empire's emperor, Zephyrus Roa Regulus. At this time one part of the army has begun to run amok. For the trouble they have caused, wish to deeply apologize to you all. However, it will be suppressed very soon. Please be at ease. We are now moving to retake the Imperial Capital. I request that you do not leave your homes』

「Do I really sound like that?」

The emperor tilts his head and asks his daughter. I would guess so, it's the first time he's heard his own voice recorded.

『Furthermore, to the army that is involved with this insurrection. I was at fault however this situation cannot be overlooked. However, I will allow

surrender. If those servicemen remove their uniform by the count of ten then you will be pardoned. For those that still refuse to remove their uniform by the count of 10 then there will be no mercy. 1.....2.....』

There was a sub monitor that was projected to us and showed the uniformed servicemen in red on the map of the Imperial Capital, which was completely full, but they began disappearing one by one. In accordance with the Emperor's command they were removing their uniforms.

「For those who are still in their uniform after 10 shall we begin attacking them?」

「It cannot be helped. However, I would like you to avoid killing as much as possible」

「Understood」

As the Emperor continued counting on the screen above the count slowly dwindled. The red dots slowly disappeared as well, although a little more than 2/3 were still red.

『9.....10. The concessions end here. The compromise ends here. We will now begin recapturing the Imperial Capital by force』

The emperor disappears from the screen, and then music again begins to play Trumpet's fanfare at large volume. This time it was Suppe's 「Light Calvary」. Alright, shall we begin.

「Lock onto the uniformed servicemen as the targets. Activate Paralysis」

『Understood....Targeting complete. Activating Paralysis』



There were small screams here and there around the Imperial Capital. The red dots didn't decrease at all. Huh? Aa, the ones that no longer able to fight still have to be displayed? Whether or not they're paralyzed, servicemen are servicemen.

「Set the servicemen who cannot engage in combat to yellow」

『Understood』

About 1/2 of the pins changed to yellow. There are quite a few left. Do they have charm or do they have a high resistance to magic?

「Touya-dono! That over there!」

Yae was pointing at the Imperial Castle and it was where that huge demon, Demon's lord appeared. Along with him were a various assortment of demon families on the ground and in the air. There sure are a lot. I was only able to confirm 50 on the screen.

「Well, shall we call some out as well?」

I concentrated magic, and a magic circle appeared on the ground.

「Come forth darkness, I desire a hell hound, Cerberus」

From the magic circle on the ground appeared a dark mist, and a three headed demon dog appeared. It was approximately 1 size bigger than a large lion. I continued summoning beasts that I had spent yesterday contracting with.

The lizardman brigade, Griffon brigade, Armored turtle brigade, Fire lion, Power Bear, Lizard knights.....

「The targets are the demons. Activate Shining Javelin」

「Understood. Shining Javelin activated」

Magic circles form in the sky and a spear of light falls from it. But none of the demons had fallen.

『An invisible barrier was erected. There was no effect』

I thought so. That Demon lord gave the same protection to all the demons on the field. Well then we'll just have to use brute force.

「All of the summoned beasts follow the orders of Kohaku, Sango, and Kuroyou and primarily target the demons, Elsie and Yae, please take care of the servicemen. Yumina and Lindsey stand by with Cerberus and shoot with magic and guns from here. I will attack the Demon's lord and the general」

With a pon and some smoke, Kohaku and the rest returned to their former appearance.

They're in divine beast mode after a long time.

「Well then, I'm off for a bit」

「.....Please」

I looked over my shoulder and informed the Emperor, then we departed the rooftop and headed for the enemy lines.

Elsie and Yae, with Sango and Kuroyou along with the ground troops ran toward the urban area of the Imperial Capital. Kohaku and I along with the Griffin brigade flew in the sky at the demons headed directly our way.

「Alright, don't push yourselves. Aim for the demon's wings. The troops on the ground should be able to do something about the ones that fall」

I ordered the surrounding griffons. The wingless demons were engaging the ground troops while the flying ones were heading here. We need to get rid of these first.

「Um, You're John...I mean Paul... or not, George? You guys take the left side, Um Ringo? You take out the right hand demon.」

(ed: his naming sense makes me cry blood)

Kuaa! Cried the griffons as they separated right and left. In the first place, griffons basically look like they have the same face to me..... I guess I'll have to get them different colored collars.

While dashing from rooftop to rooftop, I pulled a 40 cm wide, large sword that was approximately 2 meters long.

(tl: I swear he stole that from FF7).

Using 「Gravity」in addition to the mithril that makes up the blade it was quite light. I held that in one hand as I faced the demon charging toward me.

Using「Boost」I jumped off the roof over way above the head of the demon. As I began to descend toward the demon, I pulled the trigger and used the ultimate magic「Gravity」to double the weight.

It was so heavy that it split the demon in two in a single strike. I rotated in the air once more, pulled the trigger again and returned the sword to its original lightness.

Being impromptu made, it is comparatively useful. I similarly mow down with horizontal slice the demon coming to attack from the right. U~n, with horizontal slice, if I make a mistake with timing, my hand will take quite a burden. Though it seems I will get used to this if I become accustomed to it. Or rather, even if I don't use [Gravity], since it is possible to cut by itself, it will be okay.

Directly besides me Kohaku ripped the wings of another demon with his claws.

「Kohaku! I'm leaving this to you!」

『As you wish. Fortune to you』

Using 「Boost」and 「Accel」I instantly dash toward the Imperial Castle. If I can do something about the general then the demons will all disappear. I jump from rooftop to rooftop, heading toward the rampart of the castle.

## Chapter 97: Airtight, and the Chemical Slime

I jumped over the rampart and saw the soldiers that had collapsed in the courtyard, then shot the servicemen in the feet who started to attack me one after the other with Brynhild. In addition to 「paralyze」 not working on these people, paralysis bullets didn't work either. I'll have them be quiet for a while.

Demon lord turned toward me and shot something from both eyes at me. That was dangerous!? I was able to evade the beams that scorched the ground instantly. Seriously, is it a heat ray?

The heat rays kept flying at me one after the other. This guy.....needs to get a clue.

(Since it is an image from LN, the demon may look different)



I ran along the castle wall at super-speed with accel-boost and jumped into the air over the Demon lord's head. I brandished the large mythril sword and set it for a super-heavy attack.

「Take a nap for a while」

Gokya!! The sound went and Demon lord's head rolled onto the ground. Magic nullification won't do a damn thing here. It's only a sword with a magic effect added.

Zusun!! The great demon's body fell to the ground, but even still he still tries to get up with his arm.

「Slip」

I shot the magic at the ground under the demon's arm making it slide, and so it fell from its shoulder. Without missing a beat I swung the huge sword at the wings on its back and cleaved them off.

『Gyauaaaaaa!!』(that was in english)

While the demon screamed I finished it up by shooting infinite slip bullets at the demon's feet.

The result was the demon, which kept falling forever. Every time the gigantic figure fell it caused earthquakes. It's a bother to the neighbors, it was.

I left the demon alone, and flew up to the nice wide balcony of the Empire's castle. The pale faced general Bazuru was there.

「Well then, time for punishment」

「What are you!? That's a high level demon!? That's not something just one person can defeat.....!」

「Even if you say that. I did just that」

{translation version:

[Translation: Welcome to Mochizuki Touya's house of pain!]

[Translation: That's cheating, no fair! I'm telling mommy on you!  
Mommyyyyyyyyy!]

[Translation: If yo face!]

}

While the demon kept falling over and over, I answered.

「Ku.....But, that won't happen to me. The「Bracelet of Defense」makes physical attacks meaningless. Even for magic attacks there is the「Magic Nullification」. Even if I were to fall then I would absorb that magic with the「Imbibe Demon's Bracelet」rendering it useless!」

The general starts to laugh strangely very loudly. Is this what they call 「Frog in the well」? I have a feeling there should be a better proverb but I can't remember which one.

To shut the general up I took “that” tool out of 「Storage」

Don! A cube that's exactly 3 meters on each side was taken out on the balcony. All sides excluding the base were transparent as glass, the insides were completely visible.

The poisonous looking slime was inside . Contrary to its coloring it don't have any poison, and it is primarily lives in the water. It is basically harmless monster. That's right 「basically」.



「Wh- what is that!?!」

「Allow me to explain, This one is called chemical slime, they clean the water, such a wonderful slimes they are. However, they have one fault. 1 hour after they have died they give off a horrendous odor. Though it goes away after 2 hours apparently. These one died about one hour ago, see?」

While explaining, I look at general with sidelong glance.

「Yo- you wouldn't.....」

「Gate」

A magic circle appears under the general's feet and he falls in like falling into a stone pit and disappears. It didn't target the general directly so「Magic nullification」had no effect. It is a magic that connects one place to another. The next moment the general appears in the clear cube. In that moment.....

「Gufoooooooooooooooooo!!!?」

From within the glass (thick iron plate made to look like glass) the general screams, and pinches his nose. His face goes pale and perspiration starts flowing.

「St- It stinks!? The smell!! What is this smell!? Oueeeeeee!!」

It really does stink. His face started to turn purple. In my former world there was a thing called fermented herring that gave off a frightening smell, but it seems that this is far worse. It's surprising to see a person pass out from the smell. Oh?

The general tried to concentrate on the iron glass plate with magic and try to break out of the prison. However he wasn't able to perform a proper spell. He abandons it and sits in a corner of the box and doesn't move. He looks like he's trying to endure it, but it's useless. The general's surroundings are nothing but stink and his face cramps every time he breathes, the only thing he has to suck on is stink.

「Ogueeeeeeeee!!」

Oh, he weakened. His face is sloppy with tears, sweat, and snot. There is an air 「Gate」at the top so he shouldn't suffocate. I tentatively connected it to an unpopulated area of the mountains, but at most it will inconvenience the animals that live there.

Ah, he trembled. He can't even focus any more. He falls to his knees and falls just like that. His eyes are completely rolled back. He seems to have fainted.

Well, even if I didn't do this, there was the option of throwing him into the middle of the ocean..... But he could probably summon the demon again and have it save him. I also thought about a burial at the bottom of the sea, but I've never been there. I wouldn't have been able to open the 「Gate」anyway.

Let's transport him back over here for the time being? I opened the 「Gate」 just as I had before and transported-

「Kusaaaaa!?!」

What is this!? It's like the smell of garbage concentrated several hundred

times.....!! Oeeeeeee!!

I immediately closed the「Gate」but, it wasn't from the 「Gate」, the general is the one who stinks! Uwa!

I quickly removed the bracelets from both the general's arms and returned him inside the box once more. The bracelets also extruded the same rotten smell. If it has been more than two hours since the slimes had died, the smell would have dissipated however for things that the smell had seeped into it didn't disappear. It gave a strong odor that left the impression that it would never disappear.

When I realized it, the demons had disappeared from the Imperial Capital. The Demon lord who had continued falling also disappeared. The magic supply had been cut.

With this the demons are no longer a problem. All that remains are the servicemen?

For the time being, I opened the「Gate」and called the Emperor's group.

「You really cleaned things up all by yourself.....」

The Emperor said in a clearly amazed tone, he looked at the white-eyed general who was inside the box.

「It kind of stinks though.....」

Lyon-san holds his nose while saying that.

「I am sorry. It is the Colloidal slime's death stench, inside there. A little leaked out」

The winds had changed considerably, and the smell only drifts faintly from the bracelets. The 「Imbibe Demon's Bracelet」and the「Defense Bracelet」huh? They seem convenient but just having these seems to warrant caution. To dispose or not? They stink. I think that the fingers that touched the bracelet have an ungodly stench.....

Because the bracelets became like this, the general probably is something unthinkable of, I guess....

Belfast's knights went to the underground prison and released the Empire's knights.

During that time, the Emperor came out onto a corner of the balcony, and set up for broadcasting the image once again in order to inform the people of the Imperial Capital about the results of the situation. This time it was a live broadcast. I held the smartphone and queued the Emperor.

『People of the Imperial Capital. We have troubled you. The leader of the rebellion has been captured and we have regained the Imperial Capital by our hands. Please be relieved』

The smartphone panned to the box projecting the white eyed runny nosed, covered in drool, fainted general who had fainted. Hopefully the service men will surrender after seeing this...

...It had to be done but it might have been a little cruel.

『So that this will never happen again, we will be making amends. For now I wish to once again apologize to you all. I am sorry』

The Emperor bows slightly. Hee, he's apologizing. From the stories I heard, he was a pompous person. But I wonder if the sickness changed him.

After the broadcast ends, the Emperor stares gloomily at the general.

「What's wrong?」

「Well..... I thought this person was pitiable. He was someone that had strong feelings for the Empire, without reflecting on any sacrifices he entered the army at a young age. If I think about it he reminds me of how I was at a younger age. Had I not become ill then I may have met the same fate. So because of that I feel pity.....」

「Even still, did this person not commit an unforgivable crime?」

He summoned so many demons. Each one required at least 10 lives to be sacrificed, meaning he roughly sacrificed 500 people. And it's not like every one of them were condemned, it wasn't fine even if they were condemned.

「I know. A crime is a crime. He must compensate for it. He has caused great trouble this time. There must be a distinction made」

The Emperor let out a lonely laugh. That's right, even this person was a victim.

「Your majesty!!」

The knights noisily ran onto the balcony and collapsed like the fallen snow. Aa, these were the knights that had been confined in the dungeon? From within the group was a one-eyed black haired imperial knight that bowed on one knee to the Emperor.

「Your Majesty.....it is good you are well! And it appears that you have improved as well.....this is.....!？」

「Ou, Knight Leader Gaspar huh? It is thanks to Touya-dono there. I have become healthy, and General Bazuru was captured as well」

「My word.....!？」

The knight leader of the Empire looked at me in surprise, and looked alternately between myself and the fainted general inside the box. Whether the emperor became healthy due to me or not, he doesn't really understand.

There came riding Kohaku were Elsie and Yae. Also Kuroyou and Sango came a little behind, those two were in mini-mode though.

「It has tentatively been settled. The majority of the soldiers fainted」

Elsie reported while disembarking Kohaku. Apparently the remaining soldiers had been taken care of. It was a relief to see that they were safe as well.

「Alright, arrest the soldiers that have fainted. Do not do anything to the soldiers who surrendered beforehand」

「Ha-!」

The Emperor gives directions to Knight Leader Gaspar and they depart the balcony.

So the riot had come to an end right? It's good that nothing really happened. All that is left is to leave things to the Empire's people.

Aa. I have to return the summoned beasts that I called out.

## Chapter 98: The Fifth One and Establishment of a New Nation

All the soldiers that were unconscious had been arrested and placed in the dungeon. They were discharged from the military and were closely pressed about what crimes they had committed. With the exception of one portion who were agitators, others didn't commit serious crimes, but (instigating a rebellion against the wishes of the Emperor voluntarily) would have to warrant some heavy punishment. They should be thankful that they aren't being executed.

The Emperor issued orders for the soldiers in the Imperial Capital to be sent to towns one by one in the empire. That way there won't be people left to manage the crime in the Imperial Capital. Because it seems like someone might try something in the confusion though.

The elderly statesmen that had been caught were freed. General Romelo came along to the castle with the Crown Prince that he had given shelter to. I was really surprised. He really was the knight from that time.

He lost himself in the crowd as he tried to get away from the castle in disguise and was attacked by soldiers.

I wonder if I said it but, he gives of a weak impression, this person. It doesn't seem like he's even there. But he seems like a good person, and is also excellent.

「At this time we are truly in your debt. Touya-dono is not only my benefactor but also the princesses and crowned prince's...no, the Empire's savior. We wish



to reward you, is there anything you desire?」

「Well, this time it just happened to flow that way, it was only a force by circumstances. Please do not worry about it」

I gently refuse the offer of the Emperor, whom I met in guest room. Honestly, I don't even want anything. After hearing that, the King of Belfast lets out a small laugh.

「It doesn't matter to Touya-dono. In Belfast we tried to give Touya-dono a title but he refused that as well. In the end we were able to get him to accept money and a house alone. Well it would be best if he accept my daughter though」

「Hohou. Well then will you accept Rushia as well? Belfast and Regulus, if both princesses were married to the same person, then it would form the strongest alliance between our countries ever seen」

「Now see here.....」

Because the discussion has started going a strange direction, I planned to cautiously call their attention when Yumina raises her hand and interrupts the discussion. What?

「Rushia-hime is of the same mind as us, I approve of her becoming one of Touya-san's fiancée's. She has tentatively agreed when I asked her in person, she wishes for it. Above all it would be good for the friendship of both countries, wouldn't it?」

Eh? What are you saying Yumina-san!?

「I also agree」

「...Me too, ~desu」

「I have no problem either, ~degozaru」

The other fiances also showed their agreement one after the other. And you Brutus?? Hey why is it that my feelings aren't being considered at all!?

「Cho- please wait! Why did it become like this!?!」

The conversation was continuing on its own and I ended up spouting that, to which Lyon-san replied with a wry smile.

「Honestly it's Touya-dono power's fault」

「Eh? What are you talking about?」

「I understood it from this time but, all of Touya-dono's power is non-standard. For that power to support one country, it would only threaten others. If you were to think of it in reverse, Belfast would be liable to be regarded as the dangerous party. But if you were engaged to the Empire's princess then not only would Belfast but the Empire would be able to make an excuse to other countries...well that's what I think anyway」

「The empire is the empire, without trying to take advantage of Touya-dono over politics, it would be an equal alliance」

To Lyon's words Knight Leader Gaspar-san continued. Well, it's not that I don't understand what you're saying!

When I glanced at Rue, she was fidgeting and blushing while stealing glances at me. Nu.....

「There isn't much difference between 4 or 5 people is there. What is there to worry about!？」

「You say that but.....」

General Leon came and beat my back as he always does. There certainly isn't any reason to refuse it..... It's only the second day we've met isn't it!? It's all so sudden!

.....Huh? When I met Yumina it was the same day we met? Then there is no problem.....is there?

「How about the princess? Are you against marrying Touya-dono?」

「No, father. I'm so happy I think I might faint! There is nothing that would make me happier! I would be Touya-sama's bride with pleasure!」

She was breathing heavily through her nose, while she had both hands clasped in front of her chest, her eyes glittered as she looked at me. Aa-..... I think that whatever I say is useless.

What is it, this world's people seem so ready to accept marriage..... It's not something that you can think about lightly. I've come to fully realize just how different this world is.....

「How about it? Won't you accept Rushia?」

「Haa.....If she can wait to marry until I am 18 then.....」

Well, there's no need to wait till I'm 18, but I want to show at least a little resistance.

(tl: way to make a stand)

Kya—Rue joins the Yumina circle of brides and they all chat eagerly together. They sure get along quickly.....

「Of course, there is no problem, I would like to give you some kind of monetary present. In any event, the relationship with Belfast will be equivalent and with this Belfast and the Empire now will be able to form an alliance」

When I think about what the Emperor just said it's amazing. With this most of the major powers on the western continent are connected through an alliance: Belfast, Misumido, Rifurizu and now Regulus?

「By the way because of this, we intend to announce the engagements of both Yumina and Rushia-hime inside and outside the countries formally, and so it was decided that Touya-dono needs to have his own position. And because of that we have agreed with the Emperor of Regulus that part of each country shall be separated and given to Touya-dono」

「.....What do you mean?」

I don't understand what they just said. Whether giving me some land to rule. Honestly, it would be troubling if I were given a land somewhere that I wouldn't be able to rule.....

「You won't be receiving, we're transferring. In other words, a small country on the borders of Belfast and Regulus will form. And the king will be Touya-dono, is what it means」

「Ha!?!」

Found a country means, establish a nation!? I'm to be a King!?

「Well, even if we say country there are no subjects that go along with this land right now. But it is no less independent and is not bound by the laws of either Belfast or Regulus. The two countries support the founding of this nation, of course, it will have a non-aggression pact as well. Though what happens in that country, we will not interfere at all. Touya-dono is free to do whatever he wishes. With this the problem of its standpoint is solved, and you can marry both princesses without a problem as well」

Something like the City state of Vatican city? Or something more like a dukedom? Either way is it really ok to accept this?

「Touya-dono, can you display the map?」

「Eh? Aa, yes. Display map」

『Understood. Displaying map』

Still unable to grasp what the King was saying, I displayed the map in the air.

With Belfast on the left hand, and Regulus on the right. The king pointed his finger on their border.

「Between the two countries the Merishia mountains extend down about 2/3 from the north and beneath that is a forest and a plane. Although there is productive land, there are many demon beasts that live there as well. For that reason it was being avoided. Also to the south there is a highway allowing for trade between the two countries, it is in this area that this independent country will be founded」

Wai- didn't you just say that there were a lot of demon beasts living there!?

「We're going live in such a dangerous place?」

「There is no need to live there. However, this area will be treated as an independent country from now on. Even if something were to happen then our countries wouldn't be able to do anything about it. Even in the most extreme circumstance of a band of thieves taking over and making a base there, we would be powerless to do anything. Touya-dono, as King, should be the one to handle the situation」

The King and Emperor were both smiling from ear to ear. This is harsh, You just pushed the most dangerous stretch of highway onto me in hopes that I would clean it up. With the alliance in place there would be many people coming and going from both countries. So they decided to create a counter plan to make the road safe, huh?

「No no no. It really is a rich land, it's fairly wide. If it becomes a safe zone then it can be used by the people as a trade route, Touya-dono will also be able to get the position that goes along with the land. There' really is nothing else like it」

That may be. But I think it's being unsold. Aren't these monarchs just being vainglorious? How shrewd. They both had attempts on their lives by their vassals though.

Un, it's not really a bad story huh? I understand that if I am to marry both princesses then I certainly need an adequate position. Just not having any citizens making it less troublesome surely is a plus. In addition, having a land to use as I see fit is certainly charming.

「Yeah, sorry. After that, it will be fine to declare the establishment of a new country with official declaration. Both countries of the alliance will recognize it as such, I think」

Establishing a country huh..... I can't really picture it. Well, I don't have to do anything. Do I need to build a castle?

「You're finally a King ~degozaru.....? Our family's husband-sama is amazing, isn't he ~degozaru」

「Right? I never imagined it would come to this」

Yae and Elsie were talking with each other. I never thought it would happen myself. It's like I'm being thrown for a loop.

「...As for the name of the country, what do you want to do?」

Lindsey asked me. Un, the country's name..... Mochizuki Kingdom? Uwa, how embarrassing! That is absolutely rejected. How about Nihon kingdom? It doesn't really roll off the tongue. Japan, Zigpang..... Muu. None of these feel right. Ah.

「Brynhild..... Brynhild Dukedom」

「Brynhild is the weapon that Touya made, isn't it?」

「Un. I think the name was originally a name of a war maiden」

Brynhild Dukedom. That has a nice ring to it. Well, it's really more of a principality than a country but I guess I might not really need to worry about those details.

「Brynhild Dukedom, huh? Not bad. Belfast Kingdom is supporting the formation of Brynhild Dukedom, we approve of this as an ally」

「Regulus Empire is likewise」

「Approval, you mean after it is made safe, right?」

Just how much area is there here? I tried investigating it with the smartphone. It calculated the specified range.

『Approximately 410 square kilometers』(tl: ~158,30 sq mi)

...Even if it says that I still don't get it. For example, how much area is Tokyo's 23 district? I searched for that... Um... 621 sq km (tl: ~239,77 sq mi )

Eh!? That's like 2/3 of Tokyo's 23 district!? Huge!



## Chapter 99: Territory, and the Wedding Funds

「There isn't anything here is there?」

We saw the meadow and the forest. With hills and far away mountain. Nearby there was a river as well.

We had come to view the land that had been transferred to us by Belfast and Regulus, It was an especially featureless land. Well, it was better than having too many features.

「Now then... Search. Demon beasts that pose the possibility of harming humans」

『Understood. Displaying』

Pa- and red pins fell on the surrounding area and forest. There are a lot!

Well this is about 2/3 the area of Tokyo's 23 Ward so I guess it's natural. Now then what shall we do?

(tl: I wrote district in the last chapter but it is ward)

「Should we clean them out with magic?」

「If you were to kill that many demon beasts at once then.....」

Yumina furrows her eyebrows. Well of course, it would make a mountain of corpses..... Even if the carnivores ate off the mountain, they wouldn't be able to

eat it all, normally. The stench would be horrendous as well. I could send them alive through the [Gate] but, it will be troublesome to send the demon beasts which might attack some person on the other side. Ah, they could also be sent to the sea?

「There might be demon beasts that have good materials, so it would be a waste」

What Elsie said is justified. If you don't get money for them then they're a profit loss. So teleporting them over the sea is wasteful too, huh?

「Then how about defeating several of them using 「Gate」. Ah, not summoning them but defeating them, and then teleport them.....? Then take off the materials.....but what to do with the corpses?」

「Shouldn't they just be distributed through the mountains and forest like when adventurers take on a subjugation request? The animals will eat it and it will nourish the forest as well ~degozaru」

Nn- well it is not like it can be helped, right? What Yae said seems comforting.

「Let's go with that. Lock onto a target. Activate 「Shining Javelin」」

『Understood. Activating 「Shining Javelin」』

=====Scene-Change=====

「We're finally done.....」

I don't wanna do any more. Peeling off the materials one after the other is

pretty hard. Each demon beast had different values for each part, thing like the fangs, and claws is something we couldn't judge individually. In the middle it was judged that it was impossible for us alone to do it so I called Logan-san Rebecca-san and Will from the Capital to help. Half of the skin from each of them was sufficient payment, and they were more than happy to help.

I also called the maid Cecil-san and Julio-san the gardener, as well as dragging Lyon-san to help since he was off-duty. For a part time job it was pretty decent, I think.

Lyon-san peel, and tears and rips them apart, I wonder if he needs money for something. 90% tells me that it has something to do with Olga-san. Maybe an engagement ring?

Contrarily Rue didn't seem very used to it and had a bit of trouble controlling the materials so I taught her some tricks on how to do it. She understood quickly and I was astonished that she mastered the skills to some extent.



(LN version of Rue)

「You a princess. This is the first time you've done something like this?」

「Hai. But I want to learn this as well. I want to learn many other things so I can be as helpful to Touya-sama as good as the others」



Illustr. ねこたま。

(WN version of Rue)

While she says that, I pat Rue on the head while her face blushes a little.

「Now then, with this the dangerous demon beasts have been taken care of」

I opened the map app once more to confirm it. For the time being not a single pin fell. I suddenly had a thought and searched for humans and it turned out that there were several of them in a corner of the forest. Does someone live there? It's dangerous here so I thought no one would be living here.

「They're probably bandits」

「Bandits?」

Lyon-san mutters while looking at the screen.

「Recently there have been rumors of frequent infestations here. It's probably their base. It should have a considerable bounty on it」

Certainly the forest is dangerous so it would be the best place to hide?

「...What shall we do?」

Lindsey asked, well it's not as if we can leave it alone. Even this place was to become part of my country, so clearing out those thieves would be best.

「Well then shall we go there?」

「May I come along as well?」

Unexpectedly Lyon-san offered to go along. Well, there's no reason to refuse the offer. We left the division of the materials to everyone else and the two of us headed toward the bandit's hideout. It should take no more than 30 minutes to reach the place, so we'll walk there.

「So? You're after the bounty?」

「Eh? Aa- hahaha. You knew?」

Lyon-san laughs wryly while scratching his head. Even when it was with the stripping, he was mercilessly emitting a “want to earn money” aura.

「Is it to buy Olga-san an engagement ring?」

「Ah, well, I've already given her one of those」

「Eh!?」

I was surprised that he had already proposed. Lyon-san is somewhat serious after all...

It might have been「please go out with me with the intention of getting married」. But isn't it a little fast? We'll I'm in no position to speak.

「Ha-... Congratulations. But what for the money are?」

「Well- it's to fund the wedding and the living costs afterward, if I can do that then I want to get a new house...」

Lyon-san laughed with a worried looking face, but he seemed happy. Well, I understand his feelings. But for that it certainly does require money.

「Can't you get any help from your parents?」

「Well, my family is a 「Cut your own path」kind of family, and the other party's creed is 「Money is something you earn yourself」...」

Aa-.....The stanch attitude of a true servicemen and merchant respectively.

「We're both living at home right now. Because I am the second son, as soon as I am married I have to move out」

「Olga-san is coming to Belfast, isn't she?」

「I can't become a merchant after all. But with this I may be able to call Olga-san here soon.....」

Lyon-san sighs a little. Un—I could loan the money but, that might make the father General Leon angry.....

「Oh yeah, what happens to the things that the bandits stole?」

「If possible they'll be returned to their original owner. Anything other than that becomes property of the one who captures the bandits. Because there is no profit in rooting out bandits they're usually left alone for a long time」

「In other words if the chief of the bandits holds a lot of money.....」

「Actually that's what I'm expecting. Of course the things with known owner will be returned」

If there isn't anyone there to claim the great amount then it all goes into his hand.

In the map it was indicated that there was a roughly built hut on the edge of the forest. Is that the hideout of the bandits?

「How many of the bandits have bounties?」

「Three of them. A group of three sibling thieves」

I confirmed with the map and there were three pins there. Apparently this is all of them. Lyon-san drew the dagger that I had given him and set the blade to the ready.

Ok, I'll leave this to Lyon-san. If I were to get involved then the reward would have to be split equally after all.

=====Scene-Change=====

In the end, Lyon-san rooted the bandits quickly by himself. Although I say rooted, Lyon-san's dagger was only set stun-mode and they were made



incapacitated. It was a showy way of making money, and he had accumulated quite a bit. With a happy face Lyon-san tied up the bandits and I opened 「Gate」 back to the capital.

I took the riches that the bandits had there and put them in 「Storage」, afterwards, I would hand them over to Lyon-san. Afterwards I used 「Gravity」 and crushed the hideout. It would be a problem if some other weirdoes took up residence here later.

When we returned to everyone else, almost all the materials had been selected. I brought out some bags and wrote Rebecca-san and Cecil-san's names on them respectively and put them in 「Storage」. It would have been hard to walk around with that amount of materials.

We returned to the guild in the Capital and went to the Buying counter, and brought out the materials to be sold from 「Storage」 and placed them on the counter. There was such a great amount that the man in charge of purchasing them was shocked.

While the amount was being negotiated, I took Rue back to Prim-san's place.

「I wish to register this girl with the guild. Ah, there should be a notification from the Empire」

「Aa, yes! It did come but..... Um, is it true that you suppressed the revolt in the Empire alone?」

「It's not accurate that I did it alone but, it is true」

「Fuwaa-.... It's true. 「Mood Read」's owner is an amazing person.....」

While Prim-san was standing nearby admiring me, a different guild employee

gave Rue the explanation. After hearing what was said, apparently Rue is a 「Dual sword wielder」She may have developed a taste for it after watching Carol-san and tried to learn it. She has no magic attribute and can't use any either.

「Now then please submit your guild card」

As Prim-san has asked, I presented the card. Then she stamped the card with a different stamp than usual.

「This is proof that this person subjugated an advanced level demon in the Empire. As proof of the advanced level demon subjugation, on behalf of the guild, I present the title of 「Demon killer」」

There was「Dragon slayer」and「Golem buster」and now 「Demon killer」huh? The number of titles has increased.

「With this, 3 titles have been acquired. And because of the recommendation from the Kingdom of Belfast and Regulus Empire, your rank has raised by one. Congratulations」

「Eh? Is that so?」

The guild card that had been return was now silver. Oo, it's pretty. With having received those titles, in addition to getting that was difficult, having such a strong person as protector of the country, the guild had no problem rewarding it.

「Well, that's amazing isn't it!? It's been 18 years since this country last had a silver ranked adventurer!」

.....Is that so? That reminds me I've never seen anything posted in the gold or silver areas of the request board.

「When you become gold or silver ranks, requests are usually received directly from the guild」

Hahaa, so that's it? If it's a gold or silver rank request then the difficulty is quite high and the people that can actually do it is quite limited.

Rue who had finished registering, gladly shows me her black guild card.

I took Rue and went out into the courtyard, the assessment purchase had just ended. Rebecca-san and others were pleased at the unexpected income. Cecil-san, Julio-san and others were ecstatic as well. It's because of the unexpected bonus.

My and Lyon-san's portion had been set aside and given to us just as we had come out of the guild. Apparently the bandits had been handed over safely. Because of the prize he had to do it in private, but after that was accepted he was able to receive his portion without problems.

With the money from the materials, along with the reward money for the bandits. Lyon-san should have obtained enough money to fund his wedding right?

Oh yea, I want to give him something to congratulate his wedding. I should ask everyone later.

# Arc 14: Brunhild Dukedom

## Chapter 100: Country Foundation, and Castle Construction

A week has passed since the Empire's rebellion uproar. His Majesty the Emperor suppressed the that mutiny, and I was praised as the Hero who saved the Imperial Capital. In regards to my standpoint, it was that of an adventurer from [Belfast] who helped out [Imperial Capital].

Making use of this opportunity, the friendship with Belfast as well as alliance was announced and separation of the territory from both counties at same time as well as the foundation of [Brunhild Dukedom] was approved. With me as sovereign king.

Everyone seemed surprised about the establishment of the new nation, but currently there is nothing but the plains there. The interest in it did not last for long. I guess, it is fine since I am not thinking of moving there immediately. Even if it is called a country there is nothing there, and there are no particular plans to have people move there either. I should think about that huge extraterritorial plot which I received in advance. Should I perhaps create something like fields or orchards there.

The announcement of my engagement to Yumina and Rue was postponed. From Belfast side, depending whether the queen Yuella is carrying boy or girl, my standing will change too. For that reason, the announcement of Yumina's engagement was postponed, and it is also the reason why the announcement of Rue's engagement was also postponed.

General Bazuru and several army officials were executed. Since it was completely treason on their part it was natural of course. The [Imbibe Demon's

bracelet] and [Defense bracelet] collected from that general, those are tools that brought so much strife. The similarly ambitious people may have come after them again. For Belfast and Regulus too, with how these things are nothing but seeds of troubles, it was decided eventually that they will be destroyed.

It wasn't a situation where I could say something like [As a matter of fact, those are the Babylon's legacy, and I should have an ownership]. I thought of switching them with a fakes created in the [Workshop] as well, but that would also be a form of cheating to the King and the Emperor. They are the people who are going to be my fathers-in-law after all.

In front of both majesties the bracelets were crushed flat with the [Gravity]. As I thought, it is regrettable...

Now then, the region is taken from each country and transferred, meaning the new country was founded.

=====Scene-Change=====

[...In the end, will we move to that country?]

[Inya~? I don't have such plans though?]

While answering to Lindsay, I drink the black tea which Lime-san brought to the living room. Because it will be inconvenient. The Royal Capital is more convenient.

[However, it is fine now ~degozaru, but I think it has been arranged so that we will move there anyway ~degozaru]

[Eh? Why?]

[Stupid. Later Yumina and Rushia, whoever engagement will be announced, should you yet continue living here, it will seem like that you are leaning towards Belfast, don't you agree]

Oh, Is it so? I guess it will not be pleasant for the Empire, right? Well, with [Gate] whether it is the Royal Capital or Empire Capital, because I can come there instantly, I really can't see any problem with that either.

[Then we have no choice but to live in Brunhild, do we? What should we do?..... Should I move this whole house to the other side?]

[Wouldn't it be better to leave it at this location because Royal Capital is here? As an embassy of Brunhild Dukedom]

I guess that's right now you mention it? There is some point to what Yumina says too. So, in this case do I have to build a new place to live there?

[Should I buy a mansion somewhere and transfer it to Brunhild? No, is it better to transfer that empty house in Babylon.....]

[How about building a castle if you are going to do it? For argument sake, Touya-sama is that country king, rather than searching for residence, it will be more superb to be able to revise it according to your tastes]

[Ah, that sounds nice. Something like a beautiful white castle is wonderful]

Yumina responds to Rue's proposition, and they started chatting in high spirits. They really are on good terms. Those two, they are pretty much together recently probably because they are same age. Maybe because their birthplaces and growing conditions are similar, they are able to get along. Rather than being in bad relations, being in ones is much better, I am rather saved.

[A Castle.....]

I connect to smartphone net, and search images for [Castle]. Various images of castles are quickly projected in the air. [TL: Papapatto = quickly]

[...Touya-san, these are?]

[The Castle Catalog... something like a picture book maybe?]

I answer Lindsey ambiguously, and make the images slide one by one.

[There are also a castles like the ones in Ishen ~degozaru]

Because I only searched for [Castle] the search contained castles from Japan as well.... However, there are really a lot of castles. Is there also castle like [Steen Castle]? it might be suitable for me who is using slip.

[This castle it is white and pretty~]

Is castle from Hluboka, the Czech Republic caught Rue's eyes? Certainly it is white and pretty however.....

[Well, you see ....? Isn't it really too big after all? It is not like we have any retainers in the first place. It will rather inconvenient if it is that big right now....]

[Un, when you say that.....]

[Let's first build a small castle, and extend it if it becomes necessary, let's go with that idea?]



And, even though it was decided, I don't know how to build a castle. Well, as long as I have the materials, just the external appearance can be made with [Modeling]? But it will be very troubling. However, going as far as making an interior will be impossible. I can only understand some parts from picture. If I use Belfast castle as some sort of reference, I might be able to do it, but how much time will this take....?

[Wonder if there is a handy castle somewhere that is not being used.....?]

[I thought this may happen, ~dearimasu!]

Baan! And Rosetta who was wearing work clothes jumped into the room. Wa! That surprised me!



[Now is the time! The time when I can show the true ability of [Workshop],  
~dearimasu!]

Gutsu, grasping the fist tightly, she held to sky. You tension is excessively high,  
Oi!

[In addition to the replication function, [Workshop] is equipped with automatic remodeling function ~orimasu! Scanned object is remodeled to your own taste, and it will be possible to make it ~arimasu]

Mufuu~, with rough breathing Rosetta explains it at once. Automatic remodeling function? It can remodel the scanned objects?

[Come now, let's go ~arimasu! To my [Workshop]!]

=====Scene Change=====

Bringing along Rue who couldn't hide her surprise for seeing [Babylon] for the first time with everyone to the pure-white cube, we entered inside the [Workshop]. Small cubes are gathered one after another from the floor, and surprisingly a monitor-like thing is constructed in front of Rosetta. In same way a small chair was prepared behind her. Rosetta sits on that chair and touch the monitor with her hand.

[Let's scan this county castle at once ~dearimasu]

I made Babylon move to the skies above the castle beforehand. No one noticed it thanks to the stealth function. However, for the shadow to also not appear, it is mysterious no matter how many times I see..... I should stop having questions about magic. I will go bald!

The view of Belfast Castle from the sky is displayed on the facade of the monitor. When I thought about a green light that wrapped the castle for a moment, a three-dimensional like image of that castle was floating on the screen.

[Scan Completed. I will switch to the automatic remodeling ~dearimasu. Are there any requests ~arimasu?]

Rosetta turned around towards us and asked.

[Request, you say?... That's right. First, it doesn't need to be so big like this. Can you cut off several rooms?]

[Roger ~dearimasu]

Various places are being drastically cut as Rosetta touches the three-dimensional image with her hand, it is becoming compact. Does the design change as well?

[Ah, also this tower is no good too. Remove it. For The courtyard, it is better to be a little more wider in this direction]

As to match up with my orders, the castle transforms again. Is remodeling this kind of thing? This is certainly nice. The [Workshop] automatically adjusts minute details and modifications.

[Does anyone have any wishes too?]

[Let me see.... I would like the balcony to be more spacious]

[I wish for vast dojo inside the castle ~degozaru]

[Ah, then I also want a hand-to-hand fighting place inside as well!]

[...I want a few separated libraries above all, desu]

[The canal a little bit longer and wider, I want a big drawbridge]

Receiving everyone's orders one by one, the shape of the castle changes. There is already no remains of the Belfast castle which we started with. It is completely different. A canal and castle gate, drawbridge, not only the castle but the surrounding buildings are also changing.

[Is it fine with this ~dearimasu?]

[Un, there is no problem. And? How are you going to make that?]

[I go to the site and make parts according to this data, I transfer and assembly it together after transforming the land ~dearimasu. After three days it will be completed ~dearimasu]

This much in only three days? [Workshop] is amazing. If we utilize that, will we not be able to make something like a town soon?

[That is if the materials are available ~dearimasu]

[.....ha?]

Materials...you say.....Eh? For Castle? Just wait a minute, what do you mean?

[Saying materials for castle, you mean ingredients? Like marble and bricks?]

[Not just those, from glass to lumber, metals such as brass and iron, till even cloth like silk, cotton and linen, it is necessary to gather all necessary materials ~dearimasu]

[Like I could!!]

Did you even think how much time I will need to gather all the materials! Then it is not that different from paying money to build the castle normally! It

saves only the labor cost! No, perhaps the labor cost is a considerable sum of money even for one castle!

[Ano~, saying this, does this have to be new materials?]

Rue nervously asks Rosetta.

[There won't be any problems even if they are old because the materials will be disassembled and restructured again ~dearimasu. But as expected it cannot rebuild what has decayed too much ~dearimasu]

[..... If that's the case, there should be an abandoned fortress to the north of the empire. If you collect it entirely, wouldn't there be enough materials to use?.....]

I see! When using what was originally a castle the necessary materials should reduce significantly. Even if the cloth became tattered and cannot be used, things like stones, metals and glass can probably be reconstructed for use. And even if an abandoned castle disappeared it wouldn't cause any problems. Getting the permission from his Majesty the Emperor, should we try to go to that castle at once?

I thought it was my lucky day. To me who tried to start acting immediately, Rue who proposed it detained me apologetically for some reason.

[etto...ano~, actually about that fortress..... It comes out.....]

[..... what does?]

[Ghosts, desu]

OiOi. A Haunted castle.....is it?

# Chapter 101: Abandoned Castle and The Ghost

It is said that the former feudal lord resided in this castle. In those days this feudal lord who had the trust of His Majesty The Emperor was loved dearly by the population, since it seemed like he was diligent and famous person with his tolerant policies and good government.

Even so, one day this feudal lord's character changed entirely to the extreme. His beloved wife died. After that, soon after he started secluding himself in the castle, the incidents began to happen in that territory. That being so, the people started to disappear one after another among the population. And then, one person managed to see that the village girl was being carried away by feudal lord. In order to confirm the situation, the population of fief went towards the castle all together.

However, there were no gatekeepers who were expected to guard the castle gates. On the contrary, inside the castle there was not a single person among servants, knights or military underlings. In the dungeon, the people who began to express their concerns saw thrown away pile of corpses, and another, and one more. What the feudal lord was performing was a secret research of [Undead Rebirth] in order to resurrect his beloved wife. The people who were inside the castle became the sacrifices in this laboratory, and when they were used up he kidnapped the appropriate people among the population, so that he could continue his research.

The people who barely escaped with their lives appealed to the imperial capital about this case. His Majesty The Emperor of that time immediately sent soldiers and feudal lord was easily caught. And then he was executed on the spot.



And yet, the story didn't end with that. Before long the new feudal lords were appointed to this castle, but the first person died of illness, the second died falling from the horse when he went for a long ride, the third one was stabbed by his own wife and so they all died one by one. It is unknown who said it first, but there was a rumor about curse of previous feudal lord that began to rise. Since the fourth new feudal lord disliked to live in this castle, eventually, it became abandoned, and was thrown away.

As a matter of course, the surrounding villages declined, and were not approached by people. And then it became so that the castle was made the dwelling of robbers and brigands. However, not a single person was able to keep living in this castle. It is what everyone of caught thieves said unanimously.

「The ghost lives in this castle」, they said。

=====Scene-Change=====

「It is that castle, isn't it」

「In the first place, it seems that story is from 100 years ago」

The cursed castle... It is a common story when coming in the dead of night it might be scary, but at daytime it is not scary as one would expect. Air is perfectly clear as well, there is not a single cloud in the sky. How refreshing.

The ones who have come along are the usual party members and newly joined Rue as well as the summoned beasts trio of Kohaku, Sango and Kuroyou. An erected ominous old castle is visible before our eyes, and I unintentionally fold my arms. Certainly, it has an atmosphere where it looks like something will

come out.

「We do have permission from His Majesty The Emperor, don't we?」

「Hai. To destroy it or to rebuild it, it is fine to do as we like 」

All right. Then should we get the whole castle with no reservation? Since the castle is a little bigger than the designed one at [Workshop], I wonder if it won't happen that materials would be insufficient. Well, should it be that they won't be sufficient, at that time let's buy the deficit amount.

「Then, expanding the [Gate], shall I make the whole castle move towards Brunhild? 」

「...Wait please. Before doing that, isn't it better to confirm the inside of castle? It might be possible that thieves or magic beasts or undead and the like are haunting it, ~desu」

「And ghosts as well」

To Lindsey's advice, Elsie interferes while smiling. It seems like that girl doesn't believe in the story that ghosts come out. Comparatively, it can be seen that her face is becoming stiff.

Certainly, it will be troublesome if there are extra guys inside of it. It might be better to try to search the castle for the sake of confirmation for the time being.

Passing through the castle gates, we enter inside the castle and finally arrive at the entrance hall. The furnishings covered all over with spiderweb and dust are dimly visible inside of gloomy room.

「Then, let's roughly patrol it by separating into three groups of two people each. If anything happens, it should be fine to have Kohaku and Sango-Kuroyou make contact. Kohaku will go with Yumina and Rue, Sango and Kuroyou – with Lindsey and Yae, Elsie will go around with me」

「Eeh, Ah, it is fine. Th~, then we will go around this way!」

Although it was noisily, Elsie briskly started walking to the inner parts. However, she stopped at once suddenly and turned her face this way.

「He~, hey! Let's go, Touya!」

Seeing this, Lindsey smiles with a giggle. It seems like the younger twin sister-san has foreseen all of this. I rush over in Elsie's direction with half run, and start walking beside her. Everyone dispersed in their respective directions inside the castle as well.

=====Scene-Change=====

When I look outside the window, it seems like the clouds are gathering. And yet until some time ago it was clear.

「So, Elsie-san is weak with the ghosts, is it?」

「Wh~!? What, what are you saying !? Gh~, ghosts you say, what ghosts... !」

「Ah, a white shadow behind you..... 」

「Kyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa ! ?」

While raising a shriek, Elsie comes clinging to me. Ouu, ouch-ouch ! Rather

than feeling good, it hurts ! Isn't this what's called [Bear Hug] ! ?

「Forgive... with curtain... so, let go..... !」

「..... curtain ?」

Turning her face around, before Elsie there is a curtain which turned yellow and became tattered shaking to the draft. Seeing this, Elsie released her arms in a flash, and set me free.

Uaaa..... I thought my backbone would break..... .

「Cu~, curtain, is it..... 」

Sighing and stroking down her chest, Elsie expresses a face of relief.

「After all, are you not good with that ? 」

「U..... 」

While her face was blushing deep red, she turned this way. As she was flapping her mouth open and closed, it seems like she was searching for explanation words.

「..... There is one or two scary things anyone is afraid of, isn't it?」

「Well, it is like that. However it is unexpected for you to say so」

「The opponent whom you cannot hit is no good, you know..... 」

With a frowning face, Elsie turns away. Her face is still red as it is. Being a

weak reason is not typical of her at all.

I grasp the hand of Elsie who behaves such way.

「Hiyaa..... ! ?」

「Well, I think you don't need to hide it that much. Since if it is scary, raise and grasp my arm this way」

「.....Un.....」

Elsie slightly nods. With hands tied as it is, while searching for indications nearby, and peeking into rooms one by one, we go around confirming if there are anyone. As I thought, this castle is considerably spacious. However it is covered all over with dust and spiderwebs. For them to gather to that extent, doesn't that mean there is no one and nothing here, does it. The moment I started to think that way, something moved in a corner of the room with a clank.

「Hii ! ?」

Elsie tightly embraced my arm. Two soft things pressed against my arm with a tight squeeze. Good Job !

The mouse which brought forth such moment of happiness went out from the room in trickles and disappeared.

「Is it a mouse..... 」

「You are okay with mouse, aren't you」

I thought that usually, if it is the girls, might they not be scared of mouse or cockroach, but the girls of this world are generally tough. They might not be agitated with this much.

「Should we try going to the second floor?」

When we ascended the stairs, there was a big portrait hanging in the landing place. A 20-years-old young woman wearing a light green dress, she was sitting down in the chair and smiling. Is that person by any chance a wife of murdering feudal lord? The one, which he tried to revive even if he had to do mass murder..... Maa, certainly, she is beautiful. .... It is big.

「What are you looking at?」

「Eh ? No, nothing ! ?」

Elsie glares with scornful eyes, and I avert my eyes. As one would expect, she doesn't lose to Yumina and Rue, but I wonder if she is worrying about being some more on smaller side than her younger sister. But even so, there is nothing to worry about. From the feeling some time ago, I was able to affirm that it is enough, you know?

I pull Elsie's arm in order to run away, and we face towards the second floor. When I look outside from corridor, the sky becomes more and more cloudy. And yet, until some time ago it was clear.

《Kohaku, Sango, Kuroyou. How are things on your sides? Has anything changed?》

《No, Master. There is nothing here》

《There is nothing here as well》

《It is just some number of mice came out. Boring》

It seems like there is no development on the other sides. You can only visit so many rooms with six people, but if there is something like thieves, will they run away or will they come attacking, is what I'm thinking. Besides, as long as it is the rooms we visited and looked into so far, it was a long time since anyone went in or out no matter how you think about it. At any rate, up to the corridor everything was covered with dust. Our footprints firmly remain. Be it animal or human, if there is anything, traces are sure to be left behind.

「As I thought, was it a false rumor?」

「Seems so, there is no way that, gh~, ghost or something exist, does it?」

「No? There are Live spirits called Races, Illusion spirits called Phantoms, Evil spirits called Specters, but if it is perhaps typically the ghost called things, yesterday Lindsey..... 」

「Uauauaa, I-am-not-listening !」

Elsie blocks her ears in order to not hear my words. Is she a child?

Even if in this world spiritual monsters called Race or Phantom are quite recognized, there is no actual proof to go as far as to say they are brought forth from the people who died. Despite that, something like zombie or ghoul of Undead System are actually proven. N?

Uwa, at last it began to rain. When I look outside, it was raining with big drops. I wonder if there won't be a roof leak, in this place. No, since 100 years passed already, it probably will.

Together with Elsie who clung neatly to my arm more than some time ago, we

went forward through the inside of castle, which became more gloomy when compared also with the time when we entered the castle.

Before long at a place with dead end, a big gate with double doors appeared. Is it a room of feudal lord?

Turning the knob covered with dust, while the creaking sound was raised with [Gi-gi-gi-gi], the door was opened.

It is considerably spacious and ceiling is high as well. I wonder if perhaps in olden days a luxury chandelier was hanging from there, but now it is has been scattered in very small pieces on the bed after falling down. Have metal fixtures become rusty? At one section beside collapsed fireplace, there is what seems to be a chest box, above it there are old looking vases standing in line. In the corner of the room there is rusted armor left behind, it is bringing about quite an inexpressible atmosphere.

「Somehow the atmosphere is bad.....」

While being nervous, Elsie clings to me. Although it is scary, somehow she surely is bold.....

The room's wall was also decorated with a portrait. This time with a tough man with beard, he is wearing clothes similar to military. And then, beside him there is a woman of plain feeling wearing simple dress and quietly accompanying him. Is that the aforementioned murdering feudal lord? No, he is different. The owner of this castle after that time changed three times. Perhaps it is the last of three feudal lords, I wonder.



Suddenly, I felt a sense of discomfort.

..... Are? It is strange, isn't it? If it is assumed that that wife-san is the wife-san of the third feudal lord..... hers is not big.

「..... What's wrong?」

「Well, the portrait of person from earlier in landing stairs, isn't it that person ? 」

「Now that you mention..... 」

When we decided to look at the portrait properly once again, the moment we turned our eyes, the door which should have been opened, forcefully closed with [Ban!].

「Hyauuuuu! ?」

Clinging, Elsie embraced me with tight squeeze. Ouch-ouch-ouch! Are you not using [Boost] by any chance, are you?

「Didn't it close with wind.....?」

「Wi~, wind?」

It is crumbling as it is, there is also draft, it is no strange as well for the wall to open from the hole somewhere. N?

When listening carefully, some clattering noise can be heard. Is it mouse again?

No, this noise is..... vase? Vase is being shaken bit by bit. There is nothing like an earthquake, it is shaking on its own.

Before long the vase leaped with a force, turned and went in our direction.

「Kuu ! 」

When I avoid it while carrying Elsie in my arms, the vase collided with the wall and smashed up. What was that! ? Is it a standard ghost thing, the poltergeist fellow ! ?

In the same manner another vase leaped and came this way. This time I knocked it down with Brunhild. After that, the pen and scissors lying on the desk and books placed in the bookshelves came flying, having turned this way, one by one. I shoot down all of them, clearing the way. Unfortunately, in this situation, Elsie is not helpful. The moment I thought whether the poltergeist phenomenon was made quiet before long, in the corner of the room the armor covered in rust extracted its sword and started moving this way.

「Oi-oi..... 」

Blended with the downpouring heavy rain outside the window before one could notice it, a flash of lighting blinks, and the sound of thunder loudly roared in big volume.

## Chapter 102: Truth, and The Truth Of The Case

While making a [Gacha-gacha] sound and brandishing the sword over its head, the armor draws near to my direction.

「Oh Light Drill, sacred shining spear, Shining Javelin」

The spear of light goes through the armor, and through the wall as it is. The armor is smashed in pieces, and its splinters are scattered in vicinity.

《You..... the thieves invading my castle, to incur divine punishment..... Kill..... Kill..... Get out from this castle unless you want to die.....! 》

Out of nowhere the voice resounds in the room. Or rather, it is surprisingly a kind evil spirit for saying “get out unless you want to die” or something. Saying it like that, in general, isn’t it common where it won’t listen to anything and there is no use to talk to it?

「If we obediently get out, the danger won’t befall us, right?」

《That’s right... if you go out, nothing will happen.....》

「I refuse」

With those words, I continue shooting into the walls with the spear of light similar to earlier. A big hole opens on the wall while making a rattling sound, and the rain falling with a [zaa-zaa] sound outside became completely visible.

《Kohaku, Sango, Kuroyou, tell everyone to take shelter outside. I will fight the ghost myself》

《As you will. Leave the lady-sama's to us 》

《Here as well, roger that~》

While I was sending a telepathic communication to Kohaku and company, I fire off the spear of light again. It was able to hit as far as the neighboring room's wall at once. Since I purposely avoid shooting the main pillar, there is no need to worry about something like the ceiling collapsing, I think.

《Yo~, Youuuu ! Wh~, what are you doooing !?》

「I will destroy it and make it into rubble anyway, so there won't be problems」

《Th~, that sort of..... Destroy this castle! ? It will be troubling..... N~, No, Stooooop ! Curse, the curse will kill you !》

Somehow it is strange. Considering that it is an evil spirit, there is no intensity at all. There is nothing that indicates that it is fighting back from a while ago.

「Oi, ghost. Are you really a ghost?」

《\*Gulp\*. Th~, that's right ! I became a ghost, who clings to this castle !》

It made a \*gulp" just now. Is it usual. (implied that ghosts don't 'gulp')

「In other words, if this castle is destroyed entirely, you will surely disappear」

《Quite sooooo ! Ah, it~, it's different. It is different ! Even if you destroy it, I will not disappear, I~, I won't~ ! !》

Your character crumbles down completely, you know? Even Elsie, who was afraid since before, is looking with a blank face now.

「Oi, ghost. Who are you? If you explain properly, we will hear you out, you know? But if you don't answer, there won't be any more discussion, and this castle will turn into a mountain of rubble」

《.....》

The ghost doesn't reply. Though I don't know who that person is, it is certain that it inhabits this castle. I surely thought that there is a room for discussion.

「Since there is nothing or anything to talk about, this castle will then become rubble.....」

《Aaaa~ ! Wa~, wait-wait ! I understand, I understand! I will explain it properly so please go to the direction of the landing stairs'.....》

「Landing stairs?」

After going out from room of the feudal lord which became tattered, we return to the landing stairs, which we passed by some time ago. The painting was full of ornaments with the woman wearing the same as usual emerald green dress. We once again look at this woman who stood up from the chair. .... As I thought, hers are big.

「.....Are ?」

「What's wrong ?」

No, this portrait..... . That's right, there is no way that's the wife of the murdered feudal lord. It is similar to the portrait earlier and the feudal lord has also changed three times. I wouldn't have placed things like a portrait of the

wife of the previous feudal lord. Besides, this woman on the picture..... Wasn't she [sitting] on the chair earlier ! ?

The moment I realized this, the woman inside the picture came to life, scratched the picture frame with her hand, and came out to [this side] while stepping over it.

《Unsho... ~tto》

「Eh, eh, A person came out from the picture ! ? gh~gh~, ghost ! ?」

Elsie once again clung to me. Honestly, rather than experiencing a soft and pleasant feeling, it is more on the painful side, so I would like you to stop soon.....

《I am not a ghost ~yoo. I am a magic creature ~desuu. This [picture frame] is my real body, and this body is a phantom ~desuu》

Magic creature ? You are saying you are a life form brought forth by magic? Something that gained temporary life by means of magic, does the same thing apply to a homunculus or a golem as well? Still, a frame?

「I see. Certainly, it can't be helped that you are mistaken with as a ghost. So? Why did you try to chase us out?」

《That's because before, I was troubled with people like thieves coming here and laying waste to this place ~desuu. My real body is this picture frame, so I would be completely annihilated if it was destroyed, so.....》

That reminds me, thieves were nesting here a few times making it their hideout or something.....Did she drive them out ?

「And, was it you as well who killed the feudal lords one by one?」

《It, it is different ~desu you ! I didn't kill them ! The first person, who was originally sick, suddenly died in the dead of the night. The second person accidentally fell from his horse ~desuu. The third person, that feudal lord and his wife started a lover's quarrel, and he was stabbed ~desuu. That's what happened.》

And with these words, she points at place where Elsie is. Elsie then draws back with retreating steps while raising a small [Hii ! ?] scream.

So all murdered feudal lords were not killed by a ghost, weren't they.

《After that, no one came here. Occasionally, thieves came in and started destroying the interior of the castle for fun, so I was also worrying if the [picture frame] would probably be destroyed.....》

「And acting as a furious ghost, you drove them out」

The woman from the [picture frame] bows her head with deep nod.

「In the first place you, who created you?」

《I am one of the magic living things created by a professor from the period of an ancient civilization ~desuu. Ah, speaking of the professor, she is a woman, an eccentric one, but is an amazing genius.....》

「..... Wait a minute」

Professor, woman, eccentric, genius. When I line up so many unpleasant keywords, only the grinning laughter of that fellow floats in my mind.

「..... the name of that professor?」

《Professor Regina Babylon ~desuu》

「That rascal ! 」

Though seriously speaking, she is not a rascal ! But it is her again ! Why is that professor spreading trouble around ! Moreover, what is the meaning of manipulating everything so that it comes to me ! ? Aaah, enough already ! !

..... No-no, calm down. Let's sort out the current situation.

「I understood that you are an existence created by professor Babylon. So, why are you here?」

《Ettoo, for a long time, I was put away in the storehouse floating in the sky. But because its manager-san is a clutzy person, one day.... N~to, was it about 320 years ago, that person unintentionally broke the storehouse's wall, you see. That time, I, in addition to many other pieces of magic tools, fell to the ground. Luckily, the storehouse was floating at very low altitude. And since there was a snowy mountain underneath it, everything ended without me breaking apart.... 》

「... that storehouse you say, is that the [Warehouse]?」

《Areee ? Do you know it well ? 》

It happened again. During that time the [Jewel of immortality], the [Imbibe Demon's bracelet], the [Bracelet of defense] and other things have fallen as well. The main culprit of it all is the clutzy manager, isn't she.... At all costs I have to find her and grant divine punishment. It seems like the [Warehouse] is still flying. It is likely that sooner or later we will go there as well.



《Since being just a [picture frame] doesn't give me much magical power, I was picked up by mountain climber, and was handled as a mere antique. I came here with the flow ~desuu. At that time, I was finally been able to use magic when the feudal lord placed the picture of his dead wife. I strolled quietly in the middle of the night with this appearance when gradually that feudal lord became strange..... 》

That's it. If the ghost of dead loved wife-san appeared night after night. Wouldn't you become strange as well?

《Eventually, he began a strange research. Just when I thought that the people inside the castle started to gradually go away, people from the Knight Order came to attack, and the feudal lord was executed. After that, the new feudal lord came. Wondering what kind of person he was, I went to see his face at midnight when he suddenly stopped moving and died. The next feudal-lord jumped out off the horse when he saw me and did not return as well. The last feudal lord was accused by his wife with things like [Cheater! Bringing woman here!] and was stabbed ~desuu. 》

「That's」

「Elsie, don't」

I stopped Elsie's words, who tried to say something. I too reached a conjecture that this fellow is the source of everything. The first feudal lord was bewildered by the phantom of his deceased wife and went mad. The next feudal lord had a heart attack when he was shocked with his weakened body. The next one fell from the horse while trying to run away after seeing a ghost. And the last one was accused by his wife when she misunderstood that this fellow was his adulterous lover.

..... This is too nasty. Moreover, the person in question is not aware of that herself.

《Is something wrong?》

「No..... With this the story is sorted out, but I will still demolish this castle」

《Eeeee ! ? You are cruel ~desuu ! ?》

「Please hear me out until the end. I will instead offer you a better place to stay. With this, you will be safe and will be able to live freely. So how about it? 」

《Really? In that case there is nothing to complain about.....》

Alright, negotiations completed. I have her return inside the picture at once, and unfasten the frame. That reminds me, with the exception of the first feudal lord, the picture was not properly thrown away. Usually, I don't think you would place something like a decorated picture of the wife of the previous feudal lord.

《Sometimes, the picture was almost thrown away. But since the painter who drew this was a famous person, and since its value somehow rises, it was left as it is one way or another.》

I see. So its value as a work of art was high. In that case, should I remove this picture and sell it? I don't want to keep holding on to something like a picture of the murdered feudal lord's wife as well. If there was a different picture inserted in it instead, I think there won't be problems.

When we returned to the entrance hall, everyone has gathered there. For the time being I roughly explain the circumstances, and reveal ghost's true colors. Although it is a legacy of an ancient civilization, it is extremely troublesome. But it cannot be helped even if I say so now.

After sorting out the problem, I open the [Gate], and move the whole castle to Brunhild. As one would expect, I was slightly uneasy since it was my first time

moving something this big. But there were no problems.

After that, I went to the [Workshop] and talked with Rosetta. It seems the materials are lacking. Mainly the things like glass, cloth of sorts, and small amount of lumber. About that, even if they are necessary expenses, is there no choice but to pay up with my own money? Glass for instance. It is somehow possible to take it from the wooden scrap storehouse that looks usable to some extent. But for things like fabric, I guess using brand new one is better. Even if it is disassembled and reconstructed, there seems to be limits to it.

「If you have those materials with you, have them sent to the [Workshop] little by little. And while reconstructing the castle based on the data, it will then be assembled on the actual spot~dearimasuyo. Speaking of which, where will it be placed ~dearimasuka? 」

Of course for a castle, I pointed to the center of the country; thus, in the middle of it. Brunhild's terrain doesn't have much highs and lows. Therefore, it will certainly be possible to easily cultivate it. But currently, there are no such plans with the exception of building a castle. So even if it is placed in the middle, it won't become a hindrance, I think. If problems arise, it will be fine if I move the whole castle again.

Since it will be completed approximately on the third day only if the materials are provided, should I go for it and try to gather the leftover (materials) ?

## Chapter 103: Completion and First Vassals

「To really be able to do it in three days....」

「That's the power of [Workshop] ~dearimasu!」

\*Mufuu\*, Rosetta puffs her thin chest with pride.

Looking at [Workshop]'s monitor, a pure white, small (although I said that, it is by far larger than Belfast's residence by far) castle showed up in front of my eyes.

Because it was said that the strength of fabrics that got dirty or got worn out wouldn't be restored even if disassembly-reconstructing was done, brand new ones were prepared. If I went back to the extent of getting something like silkworm's cocoon, I might have gotten it free of charge, but it was faster to buy it. Frankly, things such as making something from raw materials is the pinnacle of difficulty. I am not inconvenienced in regards to money.

Ma, I was able to cut hinoki cypress and evergreen oaks for lumber. This way was faster than buying.

In regard to glass, in order to make it at the time of Empire's rebellion, I thought about changing the transparency of iron plates in that situation; however, if I kept making those with [Workshop], magic would completely vanish from it, and I would get stuck with applying magic on all the iron plates after construction was done. Well, I was able to do it in one shot with my smartphone, but still.

After this and that, the castle was built.

After raising it over the big moat, we crossed over the big drawbridge yet again and advanced towards the inside of castle walls. The water in the moat is perfectly clear; it appears that it was being pulled from the nearby river. The purification system seems to be similar to the one used in the canals going around the Babylon. By merging the floodgates upstream and downstream, at times when it seems that a flood will occur after heavy rain or something, it is also possible to alter the flow's direction.

When we enter the inside of castle walls after passing through the splendid castle gates, there are defense facilities composed of side towers and ramparts and so on, as well as the gatekeepers-san's guardroom, and then there was also a large garden spreading out. And the back of the house lead to the training field.

Furthermore, when we ascended the spacious stairway built with splendid marble inside, a gorgeous water fountain at the center of the garden became visible.

When we proceeded further, crossing the garden, the gate leading inside of the castle finally came into sight. When we opened the large double doors and entered inside, an unbelievably high open ceiling with wonderful chandelier and a big staircase leading to the second floor lay before our eyes. The staircase with the laid out red carpet divides to the left and right midway, and connects towards the second floor.

That shape of a drawn gentle curve—when I thought where have I seen that, I remembered, no way, it resembled Belfast's castle. When I think about that seriously, isn't that natural? After all, this castle is using Belfast's castle's design as the foundation.

「It is lovely. It is somehow soothing」

It seems Yumina feels similar as well. She felt so since it resembles the place where she was born and raised, you know.

Ascending to the second floor, when we opened the big door of a secluded room, an extravagantly wide place with high ceiling came into view. Furnished with a big skylight in the ceiling, the room had shining light downpour on a gorgeous chair which is raised above the floor. Is this the audience room?

「Isn't that a little too gorgeous? This thing.....」

Who will be the one sitting there? me?

「It is surely the place to receive the visiting messengers of the foreign countries and others, thus if it isn't at least this extravagant, you will be made fun of. Touya-sama's magnificence has to be shown off」

I understand what Ruu says as well, but..... I am still embarrassed, somehow. After being asked to try to sit on the chair by everyone and then coerced, I tried to sit down for the time being, but it was the most uncomfortable. However, everyone said things like [Ooh~] and [quite good] at their own convenience.

First of all, there will be no messengers or such in a country where there is still nothing, I think. And even then, there are no vassals as well. It will be unnecessary for a while.

After that, everyone, wondering about their own rooms and so on, looked around the facilities freely. I as well tried to visit reception hall, dining hall, library, concert hall, drill ground, courtyard, but I was not able to bring myself to see them all. As I thought, isn't it too spacious? Rather than Belfast's castle, the plan was to make it considerably smaller, but still.

When we finished looking around to some extent, everyone came to sit and relax on the sofa at the big room facing the large balcony.

「Weeell, it is spacious ~degozaru. Cleaning it will be dreadful ~degozaru.....」

「Well, since the castle is bestowed with [Protection] as a whole, I think neither simple dirt nor cracks won't attach. However, because the dust will collect.....」

As I answered Yae and turned my head to the balcony, I saw Yumina and Ruu making merry while gazing at the outside scenery. What energy..... That's youth, isn't it. Or rather, that makes me sound like an old man.

Coming to the place where we relax, the maid corps of Lapis-san, Cecil-san, Rene, and Shisuka brought black tea and tea cakes. Lime-san is waiting behind as well.

「A wonderful castle, Danna-sama. By any means, I didn't even think that without passing even one year since since I started working, I would be serving in the castle once again」

「Forgive me. Lime-san originally stopped serving at the castle, returned home and yet... 」

「No-no. The blood of youth these days seems to be boiling. Since after this, it seems like it will become even more hectic.....」

Saying so, Lime-san laughs. Because the person himself doesn't mind it, it will be better for me not to mind it as well.

「Master, there surely is a garden with a fountain in it, but is it fine to revise it a little bit again?」

While pouring the tea, Shisuka asks such a thing. Since she was managing the sky garden of Babylon, I guess gardening is her forte. Apart from Julio-san, who is in charge of courtyard, it has been decided that Shisuka may do as she likes in regard to garden.

「By the way, the training room in castle...」

「There is one !!」

(TL: I assume it is some kind of euphemism for S&M play. UP: after googling the kanji, I am now sure of it. NSFW)

She truly does not behave, this fellow!

When I picked up the tea cup, Rene placed the bowl with tea cakes for me. After that time, Rene heard about her own origin from Carol-san. However, instead of returning to the Empire, she announced to continuing to live here. And promised to meet with grandmother eventually when she sorted out her feelings.

Rene too, got used to the maid appearance, and it seems that she grew accustomed to everyone's help as well. Sometimes she makes a mistake too, but her level isn't bad.



「However, Danna-sama~. If comes to us living here as well, won't it be a little inconvenient~? It will be a hard time as well to go to buy things, you know~? 」

Cecil-san asks me with the soft same as usual tone. Certainly, with there being nothing but the castle in this country, it isn't possible to even do shopping.

「Tentatively, the plan is to connect this place and Belfast's mansion with [Gate], you see. It is indeed inconvenient 」

I considered that since before, and thought about making an authentication type [Gate]. By making a [Program], it will be prepared so that only the people I authorize could pass by. After all, it is better to be cautious.

「Let's request Tom-san and Hack-san to be the mansion's gatekeepers as is. Thus if something happens on the opposite side, they could contact this place. The defense on this side..... That's it, should we put Cerberus or something in garden? 」

「The strongest watchdog, right」

Elsie laughs. Hell's watchdog is the watchdog of my castle. His nose is good too, if there are intruders, he will immediately notice them, I think.

It should be fine as well to summon werewolves or lizardmen as guards, but as one would expect, if I go that far, it seems like it will be called monster castle or something, which I am a bit hesitant about.

「Are? What could it be..... a puppy.... Not. A bear.... A teddy-bear?」

Ruu who was at balcony raised her voice seemingly wondered. A Bear? Could it be.....

Quickly going to the balcony, I concentrate my eyes in the direction where Ruu looks in. Over there walks a stuffed bear with small steps, passing through the castle gates together with its master who opened her black parasol.

=====Scene-  
Change=====

「Good grief..... when I turned my eyes for a moment, you became a king or something... what a promotion, you know. Rather than surprised, I am shocked」

While sitting on the sofa and drinking black tea, Rin declares to me so. Opposite from her, after kneeling down, Pola rubbed her hands together as she drew close to me. What is the purpose of that [Program]...?

「Moreover, you received a Regulus Empire's princess among other things? It is good be without worries, right?」

The phrase containing sarcasm somewhere came flying. Well, accurately speaking, because I received princesses, I got stuck with receiving the country.....

「Well, my bad about the place being occupied with nothing but founding a nation, however it was decided that I will come to this country as Misumido ambassador. Please take care of me while living together」

「Ha!? Wait a minute, if i remember correctly Rin is an ambassador staying in Belfast, right? 」

「I passed that task to different person. Here seems to be more interesting」

Are you serious..... Well, I don't really mind but is it fine to change (your work) with reason being that it is interesting or something.... Still, if it is His Majesty Beast King of Misumido, he seems to permit it easily.

「And then, there is one personal discussion. There are children saying they want to work here, and I wondered if could you hire them ?」

「Saying they want to work... in this country?」

「That's right. In Brunhild Dukedom」

N~... Though there are hardly enough assistants, I don't wanna thoughtlessly employ someone as well. Even if someday or another a scheming fellow doesn't mix up among them, they won't be restricted. N? Aah, there is Yumina's magic eye, right? If it is that, she will be able to see through the person holding an evil intention or malice, I think.

「Well, if that's the case, for the time being I will only meet them. Where are those people? 」

「They are waiting outside of castle gates」

Taking Yumina and Ruu along, when we moved to the other side of drawbridge, over there were three young lads. Rather than them being young lads, and apart from whether I am the same as well, they are slightly younger however. When all three of them saw my figure, they lowered their knees and hung their heads. Aaah, stand up, stand up. If you do such a thing, that will be uncomfortable.

Etto, all three of them are beastmen, right. Rabbit boy, wolf girl and... fox boy,

is it. Are? That rabbit boy.... Where did I.... Ah !

「Etto, you are Rain-san, aren't you?」

「It has been a while, Touya-sama」

Redheaded short rabbit boy smiles with a grin. That's right, that's right, during the travel to Misumido, he was a subordinate of wolfman officer Garun.

Are? Still, if that's the case, shouldn't he be the soldier of Misumido?

「I have retired from soldier employment of Misumido. Please employ me in this country somehow」

「Still why... Garun-san was surely pleased with you, and you would be able to get promotion too」

「At the time when Touya-sama brought down black dragon, I was deeply moved by what a truly amazing person you are. Because of that person founding a nation, not being able already to even stay or stand, depending on request towards Rin-sama..... 」

That's more than I deserve. Don't wanna feel that responsibility..... While listening to that, the wolf girl standing next to him giggled.

「Rain-chan. Calm down. Touya-sama is pulling back」

「Ah... for~, forgive me」

Becoming bright red, Rain-san hangs his head in shame. Glancing sideways, the wolf girl with pin-up styled silver hair bows her head a little.

「I am called Norun. You have looked after my older brother」

「Older brother?」

「Norun is a younger sister of officer Garun」

Rain-san gives an explanation to me who was looking dubious. Aah, because of that....

The left-over fox boy quickly bowed his head to me, who was consenting. He seems like a boy with serious, stiff look. I wonder if he is a few years older than me? He is also tall. His fox ears stretched over his blond hair and fluffy tail are shaking quickly.

「Nicola Strand. Nice to meet you. Heika(king)」

Saying so, he takes an upright standing posture with a snap. I would like for you stop with Heika, but..... I am a king of dukedom, appearing to become a formal king, but it seems that in my former world there was no such position. It seems to exist in anime world. Though it was destroyed by colony laser (TL: I guess, gundam reference?). Well, it is nonsense to bring up the the common knowledge of the other side. Since it seems to be certainly different still from the [Duke] as in Duke Ortlinde. It seems to not be very good thinking much about it. More than that, what I am wondering about....

「You say Strand..... Do you have any relation to the house of Olga-san?」

「Olga-san is a cousin from father's side. Trade merchant Orba Strand is my uncle 」

Ah, as I thought. What's this, doesn't that make it so that all three people have a connection with me after all? When I tried to think about that, this

makes sense. Since the nation was just founded, unless it is the people who are somehow personally related to me, it won't likely to be known.

「Those three people are also skillful as it is, I think they are fit to guard this castle」

As I hear Rin's recommendation, I switch my line of sight to Yumina. She quietly smiles and gives a small nod. It seems like, they passed the judgement of magic eyes.

「N~... I have not yet decided anything, however. Since there is no work resembling that of Knight Order or an Army, I might have you replace it with odd jobs or something. If it is still good then」

「「「Please treat me well」」」

A nice reply. For the time being, about the place to live, there is said to be a guardroom as well. Men and women should be in different ones, I think. Maybe I should have them live in the main castle. Let's think about that after the number of people increases.

When an organization similar to the Knight order is made eventually, should I construct a building for that as well.

「Then, two men and one woman, it is still not the number of the Knight Order still. Since it might properly become one eventually, then..... N?」

Rain-san put on heavy atmosphere towards my words. Norun-san makes an awkward cramped smile, Nicola-san plainly turns away his eyes. Eh? What is it? Did I somehow say something bad?

「Baka. Rain-san is the girl, you know」

「.....wha ? 」

The words were thrown in from behind by Rin, and looking at the behavior of Pola, who is holding back her face to such impression underneath feet feet, the sweat started running from all of my body. Eh? Are you serious....?

Rotating my face with [gi-gi-gi-gi-gi], I am facing towards Lane-san, who is feeling despondent and dangling her rabbit ears. Eh, short hair, the sense of handsome youth is indeed felt... Certainly, If I look properly, neutral-like features, or rather, a woman's, are visible....right. I can see it.

「.....a woman」

「Forgive me for my mistaaake !! 」

It is unheard of for an official king to prostrate himself, but the history of this country started just like that.





## Chapter 104: Mounts and the Emperor

The three people who became the soldiers of my new Brunhild Dukedom had considerable skills as one might expect since they were recommended by Rin.

With Rain-san's forte for the sword, Norun-san – twin swords and Nicola-san – the speared axe called halberd, I had them fight with Yae, but there was not that much difference. Shouldn't I have hopes if that's the case, right?

「Heika, there are no horses in this castle, am I right?」

「Horses?」

Being objected firmly as usual by Nicola-san, I became aware that there are no horses in this castle. You see, moving around and such is done entirely via [Gate]. And since bicycles are used at the royal capital, there was no need for them..

「Are the horses really necessary?」

「If you're fighting as cavalry, that is. There shouldn't be fighting and such, but not training with them in case of emergency makes a world of difference」

Truly. The work of a soldier is to fight. I must not hesitate to invest for that sake.

「Moreover, it will be possible to patrol domestically as well if we have horses you know. We also would like to grasp the topography of this country in advance and other things」

What Rain-san is saying is also quite right. That reminds me, this person refers to herself with [boku]..... Saying it in that manner can mistake her for a man too.

(tl: boy version of 'me')

However, horses, horses.

「In that case, shall we summon something more convenient?」

「Eh?」

As I leave behind Nicola-san who didn't understand my intentions, I concentrate my magic and draw a magic formation on the ground.

「Darkness come forth, what I seek is the king of the sky, Griffon」

When the thick fog that appeared inside of the magic formation cleared up, one griffon can be seen standing there.

「Uwaa!」

「Amazing...」

「Thats....」

Each of them had a different surprised reaction, but they all just continued staring at the griffon in front of them.

「Etto, You are... Paul, no, is it John? Listen John. From now on you will be

partnered with Nicola-san. You should start getting along with each other.」

「Kuaa」

John barked shortly, and went to Nicola-san. Though he was quite hesitant at first, he still touched John, and gently brushed its back.

「He is obedient. He also seemed to understand words completely」

「He can't talk. However, he understands words since he tentatively is a summoned beast. I think that he will be easier to handle than normal horse. Well, should you try to ride him for now? 」

The harness (though I don't know whether such thing is applicable in this case because it is not a horse) is not attached, and when Nicola-san daringly and nimbly straddled its back, John the Griffon slowly started to walk.

When Nicola-san gives the command, John quickens his walking speed. The walk becomes a trot, then becomes a run, and before long he flutters his wings and leaps into the sky.

「How is that?」

「Well... it is amazing, Heika. The height is frightening, but I will certainly try to conquer it」

While saying so, he again leaps into the sky. Most of all, he looks pleased with this.

「Heika! Me as well ! I want that as well ! 」

Norun-san draws closer to me. Or rather, even that person started calling me things like [Heika]. Behind her back, there was Rain-san expressing a similarly exited look.

I will do the summoning properly even if you don't urge me like that.

N~, however, it seems boring if it is another Griffon. Surely they are girls so should I summon an authentic one?

「Darkness come forth, what I seek is horse flying in the sky, Pegasus」

After the fog was cleared from the magic formation, two white horses appeared holding pure white wings.

「Uwaa ! Uwaa ! Pretty !」

Norun-san approaches one of them, and gently brushed its back. Rain-san as well timidly touched the wings of the other one.

「As for their names, I think I have called them Ann and Diana. Ann will pair up with Norun-san while Diana – with Rain-san」

Fururu, while they shake their heads as acknowledgment, Ann lowers its head and wings, and prompts Norun-san to get on. Similarly with Nicola-san, Norun-san immediately straddles her and after raising her speed little by little, she leaped into the sky. Rain-san also straddles Diana after a short while and leaps into the sky as well.

After they encircle the whole length of the castle, all three people came down. While ignoring them who are still excited, I take out a magic beast leather from [Storage], make saddles, stirrups, mouthpieces and reins with [Modelling], and hand them over to the three people.

The afternoon is then scheduled for them to come look at the state of affairs in the country, and to practice getting accustomed to riding. If anything happens, should they make sure to pray silently to the summoned beasts, it will be possible for them to have a telepathic communication with me even if we are separated, so there is nothing to worry about.

Ma, in essence, it should be fine for them to do as they like in afternoon. Though it seems Nicola-san has seriously caught up with this duty as well. He is an obstinate one.

=====Scene-Change=====

As for me, there are things which I have to do apart from entrusting the patrolling to our soldiers.

On the first floor of castle, I remodeled the interior of one room, established a full-length mirror so that a person can pass through it, and installed an iron plate beside it.

「Touya-anchan, what is this metal plank?」

「Touching the metal plank opens the [Gate] and records the one who recently used it. Of course nobody but the authorized people can go through it」

I give a Rene a suitable explanation, who is looking at the mirrors in wonder.

Touch sensors doesn't exist, and it will be unable to make a decision if only [Search] is used. If someone uses something like a disguise with transformation magic, there is a possibility that he will be able to pass through. In that case, by touching the metal plank, it will surely be able to authenticate (a user) from things like fingerprint and waves of magical power.

「Moreover, it is capable of setting a specified destination, but currently, it is only with the Belfast's mansion and the reading cafe」

I placed similar mirrors to those areas as well, though it's not really meaningful since both of them are in Belfast. Shall I eventually buy small house in Misumido and Regulus as well? No, will it be fine if I receive them as embassies from the kings?

U~n, as for His Majesty the Emperor it will be fine, but His Majesty The Beast King didn't hear the story about the [Gate], so....

「For now, let's test it. Rene, try touching this metal plank」

「Like this?」

Rene obediently raises one hand to her utmost and hits the metal plank. Did I place it a little bit too high? When Rene touches the metal plank, it shines, and Rene's name rises to its surface.

Thereupon, the mirror shines in dim light, and [Gate] completes its preparation.

「Then, state your destination」

「Eh? Etto, Belfast mansion」

Reacting to Rene's words, the mirror shines even more. With her hand seemingly being pulled over, Rene enters inside the mirror, and vanishes from the room. Okay, it is success.

After that, I also touched the metal plank to chase after her. Because it is also made so that no one beside the person who touched it (the metal plank) can go through, it is necessary for each person using it to one by one touch it for the sake of safety. Also if a villain makes a threat and the [Gate] doesn't open, he won't be restricted either.

When I pass through the mirror, I came out in one of Belfast mansion's room. Are? Rene is not here.

When I open the door and go into the corridor, I heard Rene's voice by the entrance hall. N? Is there a guest?

「Is there something wrong?」

「Ah, Touya-an-cha... Danna-sama. It seems like there is a letter from the royal palace」

The gatekeeper Tom-san came to the entry hall and handed me the letter. As for Tom-san and company (tl: Hack-san), I allowed them to use the detached room Julio-san and Clair-san used before they moved to the castle.

When I read the letter, it is stated that they would like me to come to the Royal Palace.

On what business, I wonder.

=====Scene-Change=====

「Ououou. So you are the rumored Mochizuki Touya-dono, aren't you ?! No, it is His Majesty The Duke King already, right? 」

「Haa.....」

In front of me is the Shaved Head Ossan introduced by His Majesty The King of Belfast. That's it, doesn't he resemble the Hollywood actor who played the most unlucky character in the detective world. I couldn't believe it. I am surprised because this person is the Emperor of Belfast Kingdom's neighboring Rifurisu Empire, Rig Riku Rifurisu. So that means he is the father of Princess Ririeru, that rose author ?

「I have heard about your various great efforts from Belfast King, you see? However, something like stopping the Empire's rebellion by yourself, that's unthinkable! 」

「No, well, excuse me....」

There was particularly nothing to apologize for, but without thinking, it already came out from my mouth.

「... I see. It is as the Belfast King said. Apparently, you seem to have no strange ambitions 」

「Ambitions, you say... Why would there be such a thing?」

「You are the man, who composedly triumphed by yourself even though your opponents were soldiers of the imperial capital with a demon army, and all the while, you were marrying Belfast and Regulus princesses. When it is done by someone from another country, there is nothing but to think of it as a threat as



well」

Aa~..... is that how the other side sees it? Certainly, it is inevitable even if you are careful despite having no such intention here.

「Well, while it may be true, I think that other countries won't hugely risk imitating something similar as well. However, they can misunderstand the situation thinking that if they anger you, their countries would be destroyed」

「I won't do such thing you know」

Though I cannot declare it with absolute certainty. For example, if a country from somewhere sends an assassin during my absence, and if during that time Yumina is killed, I won't be confident that I will be able to forgive that. I will probably drag out that wire puller, and make it so that he would rather die.

This side have no intention of doing anything. Though even if I declared it so, there certainly are people who will not believe that.

「And, with this, as for Rifurisu Empire, we want to deepen our friendship with your country. Still, by all rights, we want you to take a daughter from our house as bride too, but...」

「I will hold back on that. No, seriously !」

I don't want that princess. Seriously don't wanna.

「Well, as for us, it was decided that she will marry into a foreign country. We too can't cancel that. It is bad luck」

Far from being a bad luck, it is a favor. Just by imagining the troubles of the

husband of the family she marries into, I instinctively wanted to send encouraging words to him. Since I was told that her being an author is a secret from her father as well, the cat might be surely covered with that. A cat with thick skin that is.

「It seems that the Brunhild castle was completed as well. Therefore, how about inviting only us to come? It won't be a political gathering, rather, just deepening our friendship as fellow kings」

「By invitation, do you mean the kings of western alliance?」

Attending to them even if it is just the said invited kings and yet, to each one? When I make a dubious looking expression, His Majesty the King of Belfast answered with complacent smile.

「Umu. Belfast, Rifurisu, Misumido, Regulus. I think it is a good thing that fellow kings want to get along with each other, right?」

「.....That's the intention?」

「「Even the king wants to relax 」」

Woi.

「Occasionally, we want to relax and forget our standpoints as kings, and to play around, you know. If it is Touya-dono, you might be able to prepare such entertainment, right?」

Well, certainly, this world which has little amusements is incomparable to the likes of the amusement country I came from. But still, saying to invite the kings, isn't it an enormous event? I cannot go with half measures about cooking, defence and reception, I guess.

「It is fine even if you don't think hard about anything. Just invite us normally like how you invite a friend」

His Majesty The Emperor says such a thing, but it doesn't change that it is a big event. Are, won't I be the only one profiting from this? I think that making a good impression on foreign countries is not a bad thing, but even still~.

It was fine to reject it as well, but the looks of those two are full of expectations. I get it, so I will accept the offer.

「I understand. Let's make an invitation. But still, please refrain from doing something like quarreling as mutual countries or raising political speculations」

「Of course we understand that. And then, will it be fine to come together with family members as well?」

「It is not a problem. However, including the king, you have to do with only around five people, since we too are lacking helpers」

Oh dear. Since one cannot help but to bring his whole family one by one, it seems like it will become hectic.

## Chapter 105: Game Room and Invitation Preparations

Now then. Inviting them is fine, but where shall I start working on. Since they said they wanted to play around, I should start from that. With the scope of my knowledge, shall I base it from something that is rather simple to make?

The first thing I started to make was Billiards. Aside from its simple structure, it can easily be enjoyed even if it's indoors.

Next is the bowling alley. That as well wasn't difficult if I only use [Program] for reconstituting the thrown bowl and the fallen pins. But, I realized after making it, that this game might be intense for the kings who have aged a little.

Totally automatic mahjong desk. Remembering the rules will be somewhat a serious (issue), but if they grow accustomed to it completely, it will probably be a game where they will be able to very much enjoy its strategy too.

After that, I made various indoor games such as stands for table tennis, pinball and air hockey.

I also made several stands of automatic massage chairs to relieve fatigue. I initially thought about making it by myself, but this is good..... Ah... I'm being cured.... I'm definitely worn out from this and that.....

「Touya, Touya」

「N?」

Sitting at the mahjong desk, I, who was in paradise, was called out by Elsie while pointing at the tile in front of her.

「This one is completed right?」

「Let me see..... Hey.....!」

East-east-east-south-south-south-west-west-west-north-north-north-center center

Big four winds, all honors, four concealed triplets waiting for one tile, then....

「Tsumo ? 」

「.....Tsumo, that is... Triple... No, is it Five-fold yakuman? Since it is the dealer, that will be 80000 in all .....」

「「「Uee!?!」」」

Lapis-san, Rosetta and Lindsey who are around the table raised their voices. Dreadful....

Let's make sure not to seat at the same table as Elsie.

「Owner. Between Flash and Straight, which one is stronger ~nodesu?」

「Etto, Flash is stronger」

This time, I answered Sylvie-san's question who was playing poker with Berui-san at another table. Lately, I requested the workers of [Moon Read] reading cafe for help since it is simply not enough if it is just us. From there, the head waitress Sylvie-san, Shia-san from the kitchen and Berui-san from the reception desk came.

Including the maid-sans of our house, I had Sylvie-san and others play with them one game since playing it is the best way to remember the rules.

「Danna-sama~, Please take Shisuka-chan away from billiards table. I cannot, even for a single time, use the cue stick~」

「Calculating the angle of reflection and angle of incidence and the condition of cushion, if one controls his strength, it won't be a difficult game ~desu」

Cecil-san said with a troubled voice, and Shisuka replied with the calm face. Ah~, Was there a mistake in choosing the suitable person for it? Unless one misses even once after [breaking] in a nine-ball rule, it will certainly become a [Break – Run – Out] kind of thing.

I left the game room for a while and went to the dining hall kitchen. In the spacious kitchen, Clair-san is together the person in charge of [Moon Read]'s kitchen duty, Shia-san, while Rene is trying to help them.

「Ah, Danna-sama. Nice timing, please taste this」

I take in my hands the piping hot baked sweets passed to me by Clair-san and stuff it in my cheeks. Un, Tasty.

「It is good that it properly became a waffle. It is tasty. Ah, if it is garnished with something like whipped cream, it will become even more tasty 」

「I see. Then, we will try to make that as well」

Holding the waffle in my mouth as it is, I took out a cooled object from the

simple refrigerator made with an inserted ice and was standing in the corner of the kitchen. Un, it hardened properly.

「Owner, this is?」

Shia-san interestingly gazes at the object I took out.

「It is a pudding. If it is also garnished with whipped cream or fruits, it will be gorgeous」

It is called [Pudding-A-La-Mode]. Taking out one plate, and overturning the cup on top of it upside down, I take out the contents. The yellow caramel that streams on the plate with a [Pururun] sound looks appetizing. I try to take a mouthful of it after getting a spoon. It is a bit thick, but you might say it is fine.

Shia-san puts the spoon with pudding in her mouth. Opening her eyes in wonder of its flavor, she continues to eat one spoon after another while flapping her mouth. I guess that is also a success?

「Touya-anchan, the potato was cut according to what you said, but what is this?」

In front of Rene, the potato cut in sticks became a pile on top of the chopping board. After washing it roughly with water and taking it out, I added a small amount of oil in a frying pan. I then placed it in 1 piece at a time while heating it on medium fire. When the potato started floating, it is taken out. This time, it was placed on a high temperature oil and it was deep-fried until it is ready.

I sprinkled it with salt, garnished it with the homemade ketchup, and tried

eating two of it. I felt an earth-shattering delicacy from the French-fries after a long time despite it not being a significant thing.

「Tasty ! Touya-anchan, is it fine to take all of it ! ?」

「All of it, you say. Well, it is fine. But you know, if you eat too much of it, you will have a sour stomach so be careful.」

While bitterly smiling I passed Rene the French-fries on each plate and she ate the last two, three strips. From the side, no sooner than later, Clair-san and Shia-san extended their hands and ate a mouthful without stopping. .... You will grow fat, you know.

For now, the meals and indoor items for playing are fine somehow, right? What's left is defense, is it?

When I go to the training field inside of castle walls, the three newcomers of our Knight Order were stretching on the ground as they were breathing roughly. Yae was laughing while she was overlooking them. It was not she who knocked down the three people. It were the grim Ojii-san with grizzled long moustache and the Ossan with scars all over his body who were standing beside her.

Baba Tokiharu and Yamagata Masakage. Military commanders of Takeda territory of Ishen. They are two people out of the four Takeda kings of school of armed fighting.

「Yo, youngster. Is something wrong?」

「No, I thought whether I should check the state of affairs」

As usual, this Baba-jiisan calls me youngster even though tentatively, I



became a king.

「Oou, Touya. Those fellows are quite promising. They are still wet behind the ears however」

Yamagata-Ossan smiles with a broad grin while carrying a large sword on his shoulder. This one is calling me by my first name.

I specifically had this pair come in order to train those three people. I thought about asking someone like Niel-san from Belfast or Yae's older brother, but they somehow seemed busy, so I held back. Those two people, on the contrary, looks like they were free.

Takeda Katsuyori who became a new head of Takeda family daringly kept away the close aides of the previous head of the family Takeda Shingen in any way, and started to be self-centered or something. Despite that I only gave advice, it seems like there are disputes with Oda as well for some reason. Is that the recklessness of a young man who has not even reached 20 years old, or is he really a stupidly incompetent feudal lord.... It might be that the downfall of Takeda is close.

「However, the youngster being the king.... Of a very small country, even if it isn't great. Well, since you are able to use an amazing magic to that extent, even that in itself isn't strange....」

「This fellow is a little envious ~ze. Compared to our feudal lord....」

Sighing heavily, Yamagata-Ossan mutters so, while looking at the three people stretching. It seems that there are considerable troubles.

「How is it really? Won't it be foolish to fight with Oda?」

「Well, rather than Oda's movement, it's the actions of our feudal lord that are a problem. He thoughtlessly gives orders while not pondering deeply the ideas that come to his mind. And when money runs out, he simply does things like raising taxes to the populace. Generally speaking, his reputation is bad. Rather than crushing Oda, it might be us who will quickly take the crushing and forfeit the territory with how things are going. That guy Kousaka has already admonished him, but he really doesn't listen at all」

It seems like things became considerably bad. Even if the person who founded the nation was a rare hero, there are a lot of countries which were ruined simply because of the stupidity of the second generation. With this, Shigen-san probably won't even rest in peace too.

「If you like, will you come to our country? If it is now, this newly built country, would like some helpers」

「Uumu. It is surely an attractive offer. However, there are still the obligations towards Oyakata-sama....」

「Baba-dono is stiff. Isn't that fine? We have been invited at great pains, I support this ~ze. However, having no battlefield here is a little dissatisfying though.」

That was a dangerous remark just now. Really, this is why battle maniacs are problematic. He is a nice match with His Majesty The Beast King of Misumido.

「Whatever our decisions are, we can't immediately give an answer right here because we have to return and speak with Kousaka and Naito. Even if comes to the point that it is us that will be crushed, we have to properly see the last moments of Takeda with our own eyes」

「Well, I understand your feelings. I won't coerce you because it's fine for me

if that's how your feel」

「Ou, Thank you」

Yamagata-Ossan lowers his shouldered large sword, and shifts his attention to the three people stretching (on the ground).

「Now then, break time is over. Same as before, I will come at the three of you at the same time 」

「「「Hai ! 」」」

While answering vigorously, all three people stood up and prepared their weapons. They then were filled with fighting spirit. Will the defenses be safe as well with this I wonder. Naturally, I will ensure they are even if I have to do it alone.

When I turned back inside the castle after leaving behind the training field, the big double doors are automatically opened. It then closed behind my back when I entered the entrance hall. It is not an automatic door. The person who opened and closed the doors for me is in front of me. Or rather, it is [decorated].

One picture is hanging on the landing stairs leading up to the second floor from the entrance hall.

「Somehow, it seems that it is busy inside the castle, Master」

Wearing a white dress, a girl protrudes just her upper body from inside of the picture. It is the artifact frame which I recovered after that aforementioned ghost uproar. When she understood that I am the owner of the Babylon, she

started to call me Master the same as Shisuka.

The picture of the wife-san of the murdered feudal lord was disposed long ago and a different suitable picture was placed inside the frame using the money gained from the previous picture.

As a result, the girl in her late teens, wearing a white dress with a pink ribbon holding her hair, was born anew. Her name is Ripple because Ripple is the name given to that ghost castle.

「Since everyone is busy preparing for the reception of the kings, will Ripple help as well?」

「Hai. If there are strange movements, I will notify you since my eyes are always shining in this castle. Ah, just now Rene-chan has broken a plate」

I don't understand it well. Ripple has reproduced herself with [Workshop] and is now capable of freely moving inside the same frames. It also seems she is able to share that sensations as well. As for reproductions, the main body integrates into them because it was not copied with (her) purpose. I have obtained a convenient defense system. Putting landscape paintings into the reproduced frames, they were then established all over the castle. Naturally, the private rooms are not decorated with them. Shall I call it a ghost surveillance camera?

For the time being, the every preparation is in order. All that's left is just greet the Royal Families.

## Chapter 106: Friendship Party and the Fireworks

「Oooh ! I don't quite understand it, but it seems fun!」

The moment he enters the game room, King of Belfast turns towards the pinball stand. Moreover, having turned indomitably in the opposite direction towards the bowling alley, the Beast King of Misumido lifted the bowling ball.

「Heavy! Is it, by any chance, a cannon ball? There are three holes in it though.....」

Having entered after the two people, the Monarch and the Emperor are looking over the room curiously with restless eyes.

(tl: I decided to go with 'Monarch' for Rifurizu ruler for distinction sake. There are too many kings in one room though)

「So all those things are only for playing... It doesn't feel very luxurious 」

Behind the murmuring His Majesty the Emperor, their respective family members and guards are entering one after another.

At first, only family members were allowed. But as one would expect, several guards were included because of the retainers constantly worrying.

From Belfast: His Majesty The King, Queen Yuella, Duke Ortlinde, Duchess Ellen, and Suu.

From Regulus Empire: His Majesty the Emperor, Crown Prince Lux, Crown Princess Sarah.

From Rifurizu Empire: His Majesty The Monarch, Queen Zelda, Princess Ririeru, Crown Prince Rideis.

(tl:Link how could you....)

From Misumido Kingdom: His Majesty The Beast King, Queen Thierie, First Prince Remza, Second Prince Alba, First Princess Tia.

With this, there are a total of 17 people. Furthermore, several guards are following them.

Among the ones from Belfast are Vice-Commander Niel and Lyon-san, from Regulus – the one-eyed Knight Commander Gaspar-san, from Misumido – Garrison Officer Garun-san, and from Rifurizu are guards I don't know anything about. Since from every country came five people or so, will that make it in total about 20 people present?

The weapons were of course confiscated, and for arguments sake, [Paralyze] that was applied beforehand will be invoked should offensive magic be used.

It seems that the guards who are seeing the devices for the first time as well have no words for it. Our three knights are waiting in the game room as guards just in case. It seems they are considerably nervous though. Well, it can't be helped. Since the defence of the castle itself are Kerberos, Griffin and Pegasus, who are in the garden, it will be fine.

「Welcome, to Our playroom. The various goods are assembled here are for everyone to play and enjoy with. As for how to play them, please inquire of the person from our house and an explanation will be provided 」

(tl: Spoken in super polite form from the position of the king and a host. Thus ‘Our’).

Other than Elsie, Lindsey, Yae, Yumina and Rue, the maids corps of our house are standing in line. In addition to Lapis-san, Cecil-san, Rene and Shisuka, there are helpers from [Moon Read] Sylvie-san, Rebecca-san. Furthermore, Rosetta, who always wear working clothes, is assisting as well while wearing maid clothes this time. Naturally, the one supervising all of them is the flawless butler Lime-san.

「Also, the meals, drinks, sweets and so forth are prepared over there. Please feel free to partake them 」

In the corner of the game room the large table and chairs as well as reclining seats and massage chairs have been prepared. Various cuisines, sweets and such have been arranged on the table.

Each of the Kings went towards the game they were interested in, and received explanations from everyone. It seems the Queen-samas and princesses from women camp became interested in the confections gathered on the table.

「Oorya!」

Without delay, His Majesty The Beast King vigorously threw the bowling ball. Though in contrary to his yelling it ended up in the gutter. Is it the same for both Prince Remza and Prince Alba? Prince Remza is 9 years old, Alba is about 6 years, right? It seems that both of them are snow leopard beastmen too.

At the air hockey, His Majesty The King of Belfast and Duke Ortlinde are having an intense sibling confrontation.

At Mahjong board, I guess it is the parent and child confrontation between His Majesty The Emperor and Crown Prince Lux with His Majesty The Monarch and Crown Prince Rideis?

Crown Prince Rideis is 12 years, if I remember correctly. He seems considerably mature, but being the younger brother of that rose-loving elder sister seems dreadful. And then, the same ever Crown Prince Lux is not standing out.... Or rather, I was surprised that person is getting married.

Lapis-san answers the questions about the game while standing beside the mahjong board. It seems there are no problems because of the scoring combinations are placed across the board.

Apparently, the guards who are watching the kings compete in a game are enjoying themselves as well.

At the cuisine table, the cooking seems generally popular with the Queen-samas.

It seems four people, Suu, Princess Ririeru, Princess Tia and Rene are playing Old Maid at the card's table. Is Princess Tia approximately the same age as Suu, 10 years old?

「However, it is an unbelievable scene, right.....」



Standing nearby, Vice-Commander Niel whispers silently. Moreover, the one reacting to it is the Knight Commander Gaspar-san.

「Certainly. I thought that it was impossible for something like the kings of various western countries assembling in one building not just long time ago. Because of that, they are playing around together, aren't they」

Both people are bitterly smiling while enjoying billiards and gazing at their respective lords.

From each of the kings' standpoint to each other, winning or losing a game won't have a strong influence on them. Therefore, they are handling one game after another continuously.

「Touya-dono, what is this?」

His Majesty The Beast King points to the stand near the sidewall that is covered all over with holes. That reminds me, it was completely exposed to Misumido that I can use [Gate]. It seems they were doubtful at first, but since Rin herself told them about it, they eventually believed it. Well, since it came to that, it is already too late to say something though.

While taking the small soft hammer installed on the stand, His Majesty The Beast King peeks inside the hole.

「In that game, you compete with points gained by striking the moles coming out of there. Ah, it will be fine even if you don't strike with full power」

It is called 'Mole Beating'. When the game starts, The Beast King immediately

strikes the mole. As one would expect from a race made for battle..... Their kinetic vision is impressive. However, he is being naive!

「Umee ! ?」

Midway through, the moles that entered a high speed mode come up and down several times. As a result, His Majesty The Beast King finished the battle with a score of 92 points.

「Kuu, one more time !」

Despite being told not to hit the moles very hard, The Beast King, while being serious, still stuck them forcefully. Just in case, the frame of the stand and the moles were built firmly, so I think it wouldn't break so easily.

When I turn my eyes towards the meal table, the Queen-sama's are eating the desserts while amusing themselves with idle chat.

Cecil-san and Lime-san were entrusted there, so I will pay more attention here.

「His Majesty of Brunhild, how do you play this?」

Princes Remza and Alba of Misumido came asking about the big square cube placed in the corner of the room. This is a trampoline in a cube with a single transparent side. It is something where one can jump from all six sides with the help of magic.

「You come inside, and play by jumping about inside. With up to two adults it will be fine, so please try it」

When the snow leopard siblings went inside through the small entrance, they seemingly began to enjoy themselves without reservation. Eventually, they began to do things like backflips and air twists. Therianthropy physical abilities are awesome.....

「Ooh, It seems fun. Though it seems a bit intense..... 」

While laughing, His Majesty The Emperor gazes at the children jumping about.

「There are chairs over there for relieving body fatigue. At first, it might seem painful, but it will gradually feel good, and remove your exhaustion」

「Hoo?」

After guiding His Majesty The Emperor to the massage chairs, I activated them with magic. The rollers behind the chair and the fallen out pumps at the bottom moved into position and slowly started the massage. At first His Majesty The Emperor was rather frowning a little, but after 5 minutes, it seems he closed his eyes while feeling good.

「Ooh, Fuu~..... That feels good... that's nice!」

「It will stop if you press the button at the armrest」

「Aah, okay.....」

Whether he heard me or not, I left this place after I said that to His Majesty The Emperor who was melting in comfort.

At the opposite side, His Majesty The Monarch and Misumido Beast King are having fun playing mini golf. Across from them, The Duke Ortlinde and Crown Prince Lux are playing table tennis, and further inside the King of Belfast and Gaspar-san are playing billiards. Oi-oi, is it fine for the guards to be playing, I wonder.

「Our Majesty The King has invited him, and he received permission his Majesty The Emperor. Isn't it nice, Gaspar-san. I want to play too, you know」

Lyon-san, who came beside me, stated. That might as well be a job, isn't it. Entertaining The King with billiards? I call out to Lyon-san who gazes at them while feeling envious.

「I invite you to come when you have an off-duty day or something. Aah, when you marry Olga-san, should we celebrate at our house?」

「Really ! ? Well, that will be enjoyable ! Everyone at knight order will be delighted !」

Should I invite the Knight Order as well? Well, that seems normal isn't it? Just like at the wedding banquet hall. The mood probably will like an after party though.

After playing with each other, the men's camp now became interested with the served meals and snacks. Conversely, it is the Queen-samas turn to be interested with the games. Though even if I say it like that, they stayed away from games that requires a lot of movement like trampoline and bowling, and instead went to playing cards, mahjong, pinball and other relaxing games.

「Now then, it is a modest present from Our Brunhild to all, including the people from the escort」

Running out of games as well, when the hall quieted down, I call out to the invitees. The maids then started to distribute a card to everyone in the hall. There are 25 random numbers written on them. With a turn of the lottery, I told them to mark the place with the number that came out. In other words, it is a bingo game.

The gifts are shown to the audience after removing the cloth that was hanging in the corner of the room. It is a collection of various goods from ordinances like swords, lances and axes, to donated craftsmanship ornaments. There are also accessories made from magic stones and stuffed plush toys. The weapons are not just simple arms either. Each has a special unique [Enchantment]. That said, these weapons are just unusually rare and are not that powerful.

「Well then, shall we start. .... 8 ! The first number is 8. Please mark the place on your cards where number 8 is written. After you you get a set from 5 ‘marks’ horizontally, vertically or diagonally, we will give you one present」

In the end, that is a present for all present members. However, it is just about it being an early victory.\*

After a few turns, there appears someone who almost reached (the prize).

「2.....2.....」

「Appear, 14 ! 14」

「51.....Come out～」

While everyone is staring at it eagerly, the bingo machine turns.

「32 ! 32 ! 」

「Full Set ! 」

The one who raised his voice was the Commander of Empire Knight Order Gaspar-san. After confirming that there are no problems and checking the received card, he was guided towards the gifts.

「Say, What will you choose?」

「Is it fine to choose anything?」

「Yes. However, you can choose only one, you know?」

Gaspar-san chose the lance with the red ornament after deliberating.

「This lance is called [Flame Lance]. When you recite the words, from the pointed end the fireball comes out」

「How.....!」

「I will teach you the spell word afterwards. It will be troubling if it is shot here」

While laughing a bit, I hand over the lance to Gaspar-san. The Commander of the Empire Knight Order delightfully holds the lance and returns to his place. The lance was passed to His Majesty The Emperor who in turn gazed at it with admiration.

Because it consumes a lot of magic power, an ordinary person will be

completely exhausted after shooting it three times. However, it can become the trump card if it was properly used.

「Then, Shall we continue. Next is... 15 ! it is 15! 」

=====Scene-Change=====

The bingo game was properly progressing. Everyone got themselves a gift and were very pleased. It seems the wife's camp was also pleased with the accessories and interiors they obtained. The plush toy was handed over to Princess Tia of Misumido. It is a toy with a [Program] that will answer with the same words when it is talked to. Though it is regrettable that the voice used is that of that 'pink' Robo-child.

「It has gotten late and the night has come. As for the last entertainment please go see it and let it be the closing of today events」

Taking along everyone, we go towards the castle's balcony. Over there, the moonless night sky is spread out. Because there is nothing beside this castle, it is pitch black.

Suddenly, the large flower bloomed in this night sky creating great sound. Instantly, the escorts put themselves on guard, but I hold out my hand out stopping them.

「These are called Fireworks. One enjoys these simply by viewing them. They are also shown during the summer in Ishen」

Yae confirmed that fireworks really exist in Ishen. There are no such flashy

things present here, though something close to rocket fireworks do exist.

The fireworks spread out one after another in the night sky. Only this time, to be honest, they are not being launched up. Rosetta is throwing down the firework from the Babylon which vanished with stealth. It is arranged so, that before the fireworks reach the ground, they explode thanks to [Program]. Rather than launching it, this way is easier.

Large flowers were spread out continuously from the balcony. Our maid-san's distribute champagne to everyone so that they can drink while gazing at the fireworks in the night sky. The children, also in high spirits, looked up at the fireworks.

Thus, the curtain closes on the Brunhild friendship party which finished with huge success.

At the end, when I said that they could take only one game they played today to their respective countries as a present, all four kings chose the massage chairs. As I thought, the kings do get tired after all.....